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LONDON, TO-DAY.

A MEETING BETWEEN HERR HITLER AND SIGNOR MUSSOLINI, TO TAKE PLACE PROBABLY IN NORTH ITALY, SOMEWHERE NEAR THE BRENNER PASS, IS UNOFFICIALLY FORECAST BY BERLIN CORRESPONDENTS OF THE LONDON NEWSPAPERS.

Reason for the meeting is stated to be the need for a review of the Rome-Berlin Axis policy in the light of recent developments and the changes in Europe.

Germany is credited with being disappointed at the results of Count Ciano's visit to Poland which, apart from a fine bag when hunting yesterday, are thought in Berlin to be negligible.

Political circles in the Reich seem even less concerned over the anti-German demonstrations in Poland than with the belief that Count Ciano signally failed to secure any sort of assurance from Colonel Beck in the case of a war in which France became involved.

The effect of this circumstance on Italy's Mediterranean policy is held to justify a "Dictators' Conference" on general policy. — Reuter.

CHAMBERLAIN DENIES EFFORT TO DECEIVE

London, To-day.

Mr. Chamberlain, during last night's debate, said they could not be certain of the French attitude till Friday, and he was perfectly correct in saying that the final decision could not have been taken until Friday was passed. It was in fact taken over the week-end.

Dealing with the last part of the censure motion, that recognition of General Franco had destroyed confidence in the good faith of Britain in all democratic countries, Mr. Chamberlain said he found difficulty in believing it. — Reuter.

MOTION DEFEATED

London, To-day.

The Labour Party's vote of censure motion was defeated by 344 votes to 157 after a prolonged de-

UNABLE AND UNWILLING TO SUPPORT AXIS

Warsaw, To-day.

Foreign diplomatic quarters here declare that Colonel Beck made it quite plain in his conversations with Count Ciano that Poland's position rendered her unable and unwilling to support any colonial claims that Germany and Italy might make against the Democratic Powers.

Col. Beck declared that Poland's desire was to maintain a policy of neutrality in European affairs.

A Trans-Ocean message says that Count Ciano had opportunity, during the third day of his visit, to have a further talk with Col. Beck.

Count Ciano was at a shooting party in Bialewicz Forest, and Colonel Beck and other officials of the Foreign Office were present.

The order of White Eagle, which is one of the highest in Poland was conferred on Count Ciano yesterday by Colonel Beck, accompanying members of the Italian Foreign Ministry being also presented with decorations.

Trans-Ocean.

WARSHIP REFUGE FOR NEGRIN PARTY

Both Britain and France, following the resignation of President Azana, have warships lying off the Spanish coast in the neighbourhood of Valencia, ready to take off leaders of the Republican Government who may desire to leave Spain, according to a message from London.

ITALIAN ATTACK ON MRS. ROOSEVELT

ROME, TO-DAY.

MRS. ROOSEVELT IS THE SUBJECT OF BITTER ATTACKS IN THE ITALIAN PRESS.

One paper says that Mrs. Roosevelt talks too much and is a bad influence on her husband, many of whose decisions have been influenced by her strong anti-totalitarian attitude.

Comment is made on the fact

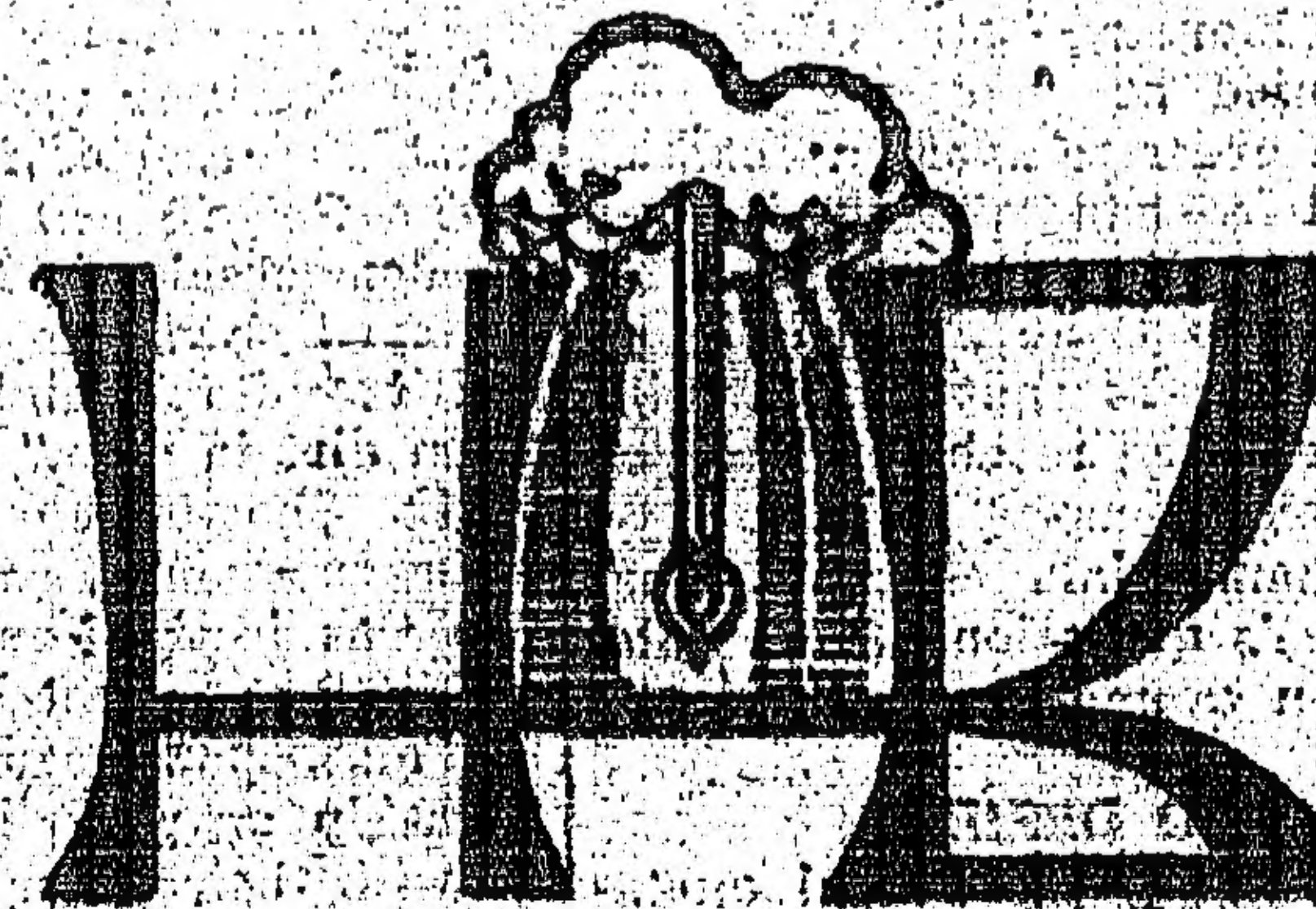
HIGH JAPANESE ARMY VISITOR: LOWU INCIDENT ENQUIRY

Major-General K. Tanaka, Chief of Staff to the Japanese Commander-in-Chief in Southern China, will arrive this evening at Hong Kong for the purpose of discussing the terms of compensation for the recent incident at Lo Wu, it is officially revealed.

In the course of his visit Major-General Tanaka will pay calls on Their Excellencies the Governor, the Naval Commander-in-Chief and the General Officer Commanding the British Troops in China.

that Mrs. Roosevelt has caused a sensation in the United States by resigning from the society known as the Daughters of the American Revolution because one of the branches refused to permit a negro woman singer to appear at a charity performance. — Trans-Ocean.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

Bitter Attack By Labour Leader On Mr. Chamberlain

"HALF TRUTHS, WHICH ARE WORSE THAN LIES"

London, To-day.

Questioning the authority of Mr. Chamberlain to act independently in the matter of recognition of General Franco, Mr. C. R. Attlee, Opposition leader, moved a vote of censure in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Attlee again took the Prime Minister to task for not acquainting the House earlier of the decision to recognise General Franco.

Mr. Attlee recalled that Mr. Chamberlain on Monday objected to being cross-examined in the matter.

Mr. Chamberlain: "I said 'without notice.'"

Continuing, Mr. Attlee said Mr. Chamberlain's attempt to justify his action was "half truths, which were worse than lies."

The Prime Minister had tried to make out that the part of Spain under control of the Republican Government was very weak, but, claimed Mr. Attlee, there was an effective Government with an effective Government army of 500,000 in Republican Spain.

These were not conditions justifying recognition of General Franco.

CONTEMPT FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW

Mr. Attlee said Mr. Chamberlain had done more than any man to show his contempt for international law.

He wanted to know what assurance the Prime Minister had got that when General Franco was recognised he would not at once join the Berlin-Rome Axis.

Mr. Chamberlain, replying, said it must be a long time since he had listened to such a series of bitter personal attacks upon a single individual.

The Prime Minister reminded the House that they were debating a subject of very great importance, and it did not seem to him to be in accordance with their dignity that discussion should degenerate into a personal squabble.

PREMIER'S DENIAL

Referring to Mr. Attlee's accusations on Monday, Mr. Chamberlain denied he had misled the House in order to avoid a debate.

Mr. Attlee had plainly implied that M. Daladier (the French Premier) had told the French Chamber on Feb. 24 that the British Government had reached a decision to recognise General Franco.

Mr. Chamberlain claimed that Mr. Attlee's quotation of M. Daladier, when examined, did not bear that out.

TWO DESIRES

After reading the actual quotation, the Prime Minister said it was not a decision but an expression of opinion.

"We had two desires. We considered the moment had come when recognition ought to be afforded General Franco, but we wished to keep in close harmony with the French Government, and we were not prepared to grant recognition unless we were satisfied that the

French were in agreement on that subject."—Reuter.

WHY?

Mr. Attlee (says British Wireless) asked why the overrunning of Catalonia by General Franco's forces imposed the necessity of recognition any more than previous military successes. The main reason against recognition, he argued, remained—namely—that the success of General Franco's armies was due to foreign intervention.

Mr. Attlee considered, moreover, that recognition should only have been given on conditions including satisfaction of the claims of the British Government in respect of 25 British vessels which had been sunk, 120 which had been damaged and 45 officers and men of the British merchant navy who had been killed.

LIBERAL VIEW

Sir Archibald Sinclair (Liberal) spoke after the Premier.

He declined to be convinced that the Government's hope that they would succeed by relieving General Franco's dependence on Germany and Italy in influencing his policy, would be fulfilled.

For the Liberals he refused to advance credits to bolster up the new Spanish Government. General Franco, he thought, would remain faithful to his own anti-democratic principles and friends.

MEDITERRANEAN TENSION
Tension in the Mediterranean, Sir Archibald Sinclair concluded, was greater to-day than when the Prime Minister took over the personal direction of foreign affairs. The Government had weakened the democracies in Europe and had betrayed them one after another, and its epitaph might be "We have eaten dirt in vain."

Mr. Chamberlain turned to the main question of whether recognition was justified and expedient.

The Government had dealt with the matter, he said, without partisanship or prejudice in conformity with their policy on the Spanish Civil War throughout its duration.

STANDARD WORKS
The Premier cited from standard works on international law passages to show the propriety of the Government's decision.

He went on to point out that General Franco was in possession of the major part of Spain, and the republican forces, through lack of munitions and food, were in no

SEDITION AMONG U.S. MILITARY

Washington, To-day.

Declaring that subversive literature is being distributed among the military forces, apparently by Communist organisations, Acting Secretary of Navy Edison yesterday asked Congress to enact legislation to punish offenders.

Mr. Edison's Bill, introduced in the House of Representatives, provides a maximum penalty of two years imprisonment and a fine of \$5,000.—Reuter.

position to make further prolonged resistance.

The former Republican Government was dispersed. Not to have given de jure recognition to General Franco's Government as the sovereign government of Spain would in all circumstances have been gross breach of international usage. To have maintained recognition of the former Republican Government would have been to encourage hopeless resistance contrary to all dictates of humanity.

REAL ISSUE

Moreover, to have withheld recognition longer might have embittered relations with the new government of Spain and destroy any influence the British Government might hope to have with it.

Mr. Chamberlain urged upon the Opposition consideration that by the new government they might establishing friendly relations with the new government they might hope to secure that British interests should not be jeopardised by anything that had happened.

The conditions which Mr. Attlee had suggested should have been imposed could only have been exacted by war.

REPEATED ASSURANCES

"We could not exact terms but what we could do was to obtain an assurance whilst at the same time granting recognition unconditionally. We have had repeated assurances on all points mentioned by Mr. Attlee from General Franco over a period which can be measured by years, but there was one over which we were so particularly concerned that we thought it necessary to ask him to repeat his assurances, and it was on reprisals.

"It would not be reasonable to ask General Franco to grant beforehand a complete amnesty which should include men who had been guilty of horrible crimes, but we did urge upon him that there should be no general reprisals—no reprisals for what could be described as strictly political offences. We have received these assurances. I will read the answer to our enquiries. It is dated 22nd February.

FRANCO'S REPLY

"National Spain has won the war and it is therefore incumbent upon the vanquished to surrender unconditionally.

The patriotism, chivalry and generosity of Cordoba, of which he has given so many examples in the liberated regions, likewise the spirit of equity and justice which inspired the National Government, constitutes a firm guarantee for all Spaniards who are not criminals. Courts of justice applying es-

AZANA'S PART IN POLITICS OF SPAIN

Paris, To-day.

Commenting on President Azana's resignation, political circles here stress the eventful part played by Azana in Spanish politics since the war, during which he was a strong advocate of Spain entering the arena on the side of the allies.

Prior to the fate of General Prime de Rivera's coup d'état in 1923, Azana belonged to the Reform Party, but then became a convert to the Republican cause and leader of the group of "Republican Action."

After proclamation of the Republic in 1931, Azana was Minister of War in the first Cabinet presided over by Alcalá Zamora. When Zamora resigned, six months later, Azana succeeded him as Premier.

It was during his term of office that the Autonomy of Catalonia within the Spanish Republic was proclaimed in 1932.

TRIED AND ACQUITTED

When the Separatist insurrection occurred in Catalonia in 1934, Azana was chosen President of the planned "Federal Catalan Republic," and after the failure of the movement, he was arrested by order of the Madrid Government, placed on trial and acquitted by the Supreme Court of the Spanish Republic.

In February, 1936, Azana was again appointed Premier, and in May of the same year, was elected President of the Republic in the place of Alcalá Zamora. Two months later the civil war began. —Trans-Ocean.

established laws and procedures promulgated before 16th July, 1936, are restricted to bringing to judgment within the framework of those laws the authors of crime. Spain is not disposed to accept any foreign intervention which may impair her dignity or infringe her sovereignty."

RECOGNISING REALITY

The Premier mentioned that 19 other governments had already recognised General Franco's Government, and the great sister democracy of France takes exactly the same view and was acting in exactly the same way as the British Government.

Recognition was really an act of recognising a reality and what was wanted now was cessation of hostilities.

"Anything the British Government can do to help bring about an armistice in which some discussions can take place between representatives of the two sides we will gladly do. I trust that before many days have passed we shall hear that such an armistice has been agreed. Once fighting has come to an end we hope that all Spain may unite to repair the destruction which has taken place and to heal the wounds that have been inflicted, and that together they will build up a prosperous and happy country which will be worthy of their own glorious past."—British Wireless.

HONG KONG-CANTON RIVER SERVICE

Details Of New Agreement

(Special To "China Mail")

Regular shipping service, for passengers and mail only, between Hong Kong and Canton was inaugurated this morning when the Japanese Government chartered vessel, the 275-ton s.s. Yachiyo Maru, with about 100 Chinese and Japanese passengers on board, left for Canton.

It is reliably learned that an agreement had been reached between the British Consul-General and the Japanese Consul-General in Shameen, Canton, concerning the Hong Kong-Canton service.

It has been decided that one Japanese Government-chartered vessel will be allowed to ply between Hong Kong and Canton once a week, and that once every fortnight one British boat will be allowed to use the Pearl River.

Another condition is that the British boat will have to leave Hong Kong at such a time as to reach Canton during daylight.

NO CARGO
Neither British nor Japanese boats will be allowed to carry cargo, and passengers will only be allowed to take small packages of luggage. Arrivals and clearances of Japanese boats will be reported to the Hong Kong Harbour Office. It is understood that passage is free on Japanese boats going up, but no mention is made of return passages.

S.M.C. BUILDS BARRICADES ROUND SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.
ADDITIONAL BARBED-WIRE BARRICADES WERE ERECTED ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENT BY WORKMEN OF THE S.M.C. The S.M.C. met again yesterday to discuss the joint Japanese naval, military and diplomatic second note. Meanwhile, about 2,000 Japanese troops were drafted into Chapel and Kiangwan yesterday afternoon.—Our Own Correspondent.

BARON HARLECH'S ESTATE

London, To-day.
Total estate of the late Baron Harlech, upon whose death last May the then Colonial Secretary, Mr. Ormsby-Gore succeeded to the peerage and subsequently retired from political activity, has been proved at £286,213.—British Wireless.

BRITAIN'S BUDGET NEARS A BALANCE

London, To-day.
Exchequer returns show that total ordinary revenue amounts to £800,165,337 against £762,570,464 at the corresponding date of last year. Income Tax and surtax have yielded £320,043,000 together against £289,170,000 a year ago. The national defence contribution, estimated to give £20,000,000 in the full year, stands at £18,220,000. Total expenditure, less self-balancing items and Sinking Funds, is £847,110,404 compared with £774,354,161 at the corresponding date of 1938.—British Wireless.

LORD HALIFAX IN BED

London, To-day.
The Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, is confined to his house with an attack of influenza. He was not able to take his seat in the House of Lords yesterday and Lord Strabolgi for the opposition wished him a speedy recovery. Lord Halifax is able, however, to maintain contact with his departmental duties by telephone.—British Wireless.

JOURNALIST LOSES AUTOMATIC

Mr. V. H. C. Jarrett, of Dina House, reports the loss of an automatic pistol from his pocket either in Chater Road or on Talmoshan.

Chungking, To-day.
General Yu Haung-chung, former Chairman of the Kansu Provincial Government, was appointed a member of the Shantung Provincial Government by the Executive Yuan at a regular meeting held yesterday.—Central News.

LOVE WITH A DICTIONARY

A dictionary made the love dream of Mr. Charles Cooper, of Stroud (Glos.), and his Austrian sweetheart, Miss Maria Csar, come true. Maria came over to study the English language. She met Cooper. It was love at first sight. But Maria could speak English only in monosyllables. A German-English dictionary solved their problem. By its aid Maria whispered broken words of love, wrote her simple love letters. They were married at Stroud register office. Maria can speak better English now, but the dictionary is still a treasured possession.

SERIOUS BURMA COMMUNAL DISTURBANCES

RANGOON, TO-DAY.
ONE MOSLEM WAS KILLED AND 17 HINDUS AND NINE MOSLEMS INJURED IN A COMMUNAL FIGHT ON MONDAY NIGHT.

The dead man was stabbed to death by a Gurkha, who had attacked his sister. The man tried to rescue her.

A fight ensued, sticks and brickbats being freely used. Police immediately began patrolling the area.

It was also revealed yesterday that at least one was killed and five injured when police opened fire during a communal affray in a village near Shwebo on Feb. 24.

Seventy Moslem dwellings were burnt down by Burmans in this encounter.—Reuter.

DEFENSES OF DJIBOUTI FULLY ADEQUATE

Paris, Feb. 23.—(Havas).—That Djibouti is virtually impregnable at present was stressed in competent quarters here today.

The port and its neighbouring districts are defended by several thousands of Senegalese troops, 30 planes, a cruiser and three destroyers.

In the event of an attack against Djibouti, a counter-attack would be launched in South Tunisia, it was stressed.

In regard to the rumours of a possible British mediation in the present tension between France and Italy it was stated that such mediation would be tantamount to helping Italy to come out of the present deadlock in which she placed herself by denouncing the 1935 Locarno Pact.

AXIS DEMARCHES IN BERNE

Berne, To-day.
The German and Italian Ministers, interviewing the Foreign Minister yesterday, demanded that the Swiss press modify its attitude towards the Axis powers. This is a sequel to the expulsion of three Swiss correspondents from Italy.—Reuter.

RECOGNITION RECEIVED WITH INDIFFERENCE

Burgos, To-day.
Sir Robert Hodgson, the British Agent, had "an extremely cordial" interview with General Jordana, Spanish Nationalist Foreign Minister, yesterday.

General Jordana informed Sir Robert that the Nationalist Government would accept him with pleasure as Charge d'Affaires pending appointment of an ambassador.

General Jordana hoped the Union Jack would shortly appear in Burgos.

British and French recognition of General Franco has been received in Burgos with a silence amounting to indifference! — Reuter.

DARKEST HOURS FOR CHINA NOW PAST

LONDON, TO-DAY.
"I BELIEVE THAT THE DARKEST HOURS HAVE PASSED FOR MY COUNTRY AND THE WORLD AND THAT A LIGHT IS DAWNING WITHIN CHINA AND OUTSIDE AMONG HER FRIENDS," DECLARED THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR, MR. QUO TAI-CHI, IN A SPEECH AT LIVERPOOL LAST NIGHT ON THE SITUATION IN THE FAR EAST.

Mr. Quo Tai-chi stressed China's determination to fight to the bitter end for freedom and independence.

He said that according to latest information, General Chiang Kai-shek had 2,400,000 men in training, and proposed to employ one-third of these among the Japanese lines in the occupied areas, one-third in positional warfare and another third in guerrilla warfare, which would be intensified.

China needed all the help finance and diplomacy would give her.—Reuter.

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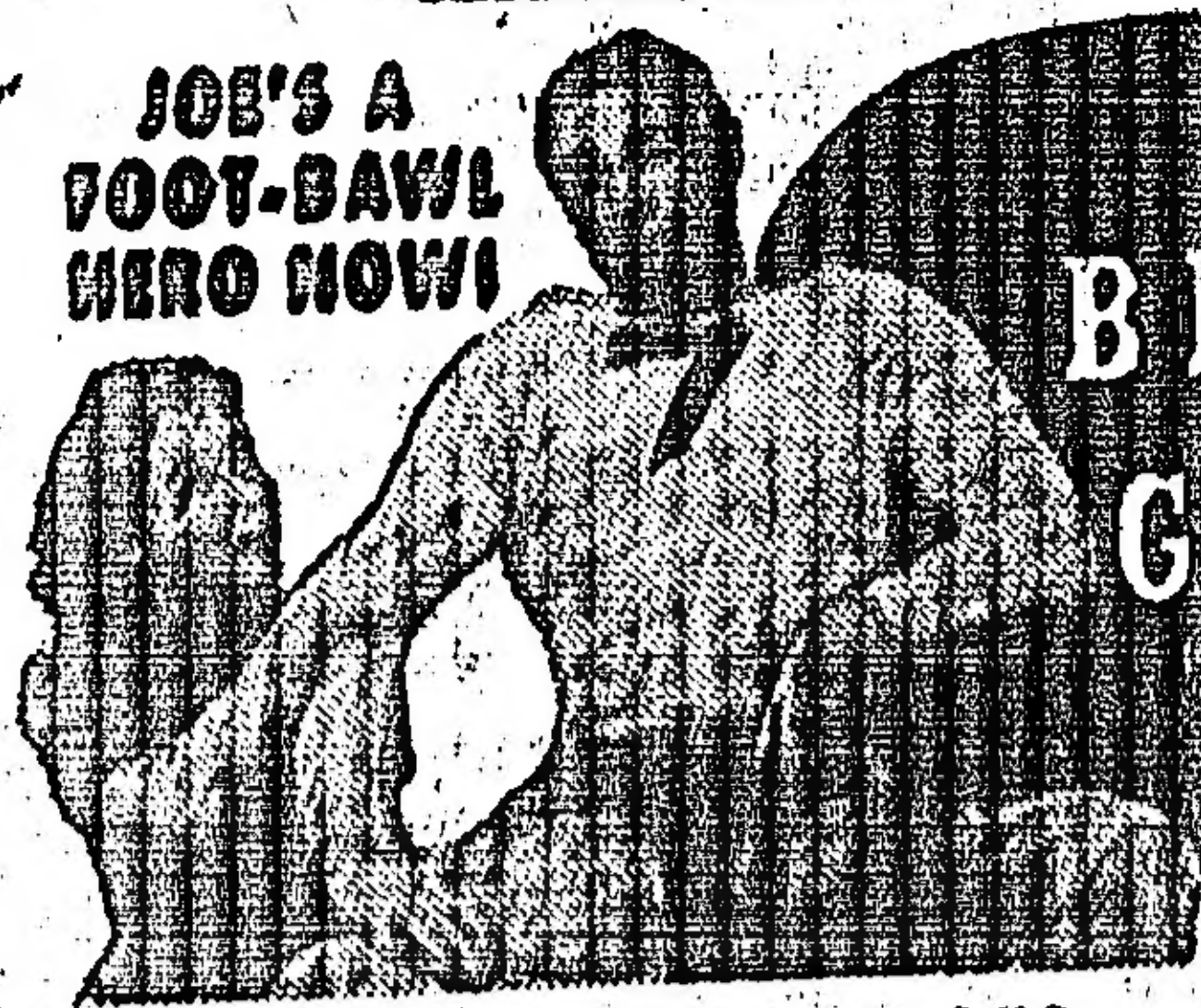
New Delhi, To-day.
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MUFTI INSISTS ON ARAB DEMAND

Beirut, To-day.
In the immediate entourage of the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, it is stated that recognition by Britain of an independent Arab State in Palestine must be an indispensable condition of any agreement at the London Conference—Trans-Ocean.

FRANCO TAKES OVER EMBASSY IN PARIS

Paris, To-day.
A representative of the Qual d'Orsay took possession of the keys of the Spanish Embassy at four o'clock yesterday afternoon while at the same time other officials of the Foreign Ministry occupied the Spanish Consulate, the offices of the Commercial Attache and the Spanish tourist agency.

The secretary of Quinones de Leon, former Spanish Ambassador in Paris, who has acted as General Franco's unofficial agent, declared in an interview with the "Paris Soir" that the Embassy building would be handed over to General Franco's representative. — Trans-Ocean.

FORMAL OCCUPATION

Paris To-day.
The formal occupation of the Spanish Embassy by National representatives took place yesterday at six o'clock.

Accompanied by several officials from the French Foreign Ministry, the diplomatic representative approached the building and at 6.15 a.m. the National Spanish flag was hoisted on the standard projecting from the balcony.

About one hundred members of the National Spanish colony had assembled and greeted the flag with raised arm and cries of "Franco", "Arriba Espana".

Incidents or disturbances did not occur. — Trans-Ocean.

Kwok Yiu-nam, aged 5, was treated at the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday for injuries to his right hip, after he had bitten by a dog owned by a resident of the Repulse Bay Hotel. The boy was in the Hotel Garage when bitten.

S.M.C. AGREES TO CERTAIN JAP. PROPOSALS

Shanghai, To-day.
According to reliable sources this morning, the Shanghai Municipal Council has agreed to certain proposals of the Japanese. It is said that the first step to eradicate terrorism in the City will be made shortly when Japanese gendarmes will co-operate with the Shanghai Municipal Police and commence a campaign against terrorists and anti-Japanese elements in the Yangtse-poo area, and north of the Soochow Creek. — From Our Own Correspondent.

THREAT TO WITHDRAW COOPERATION

Jerusalem, To-day.
A threat to withdraw Jewish co-operation from the British Government if the plan to make Palestine an independent state is put into force is made in a manifesto issued after a specially summoned conference of Palestine Jewry. The manifesto rejects any scheme imposing minority status on the Jews and call on the people of Britain and America and on the League of Nations to prevent attempts "to blast the hopes of the ancient Jewish people who are weary of exile." — Reuter.

MR. STANLEY'S COMING VISIT TO BERLIN

London, To-day.
The President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Oliver Stanley, speaking at a banquet of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, referred to the forthcoming industrial talks between Germany and Great Britain, and said that neither he nor Mr. Hudson would take an active part in the discussions. He welcomed, however, the invitation from the German Board of Industry to visit Germany, as giving him an opportunity making the personal acquaintance of leading German industrialists for an exchange of opinions on economic questions. — Trans-Ocean.

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AIR SERVICE REPORT A LITTLE PREMATURE

Rangoon, To-day.

Imperial Airways machine Atlanta has only just arrived here from Calcutta, indicating that announcement of the inauguration of a regular Chungking-Rangoon service to-day is somewhat premature.

Careful enquiries regarding the Kunming-Lashio road reveal that at least one stretch is not yet fit for travel.

Heavy lorries can only move at a crawl, and it is confidently stated that no appreciable amount of war material could be transported to China through Burma. — Reuter.

M.C.C. WIN EASILY

Pistarmaritzberg, To-day.

The M.C.C. beat Natal by nine wickets yesterday. The tourists' second innings was marked by Hutton's knock of 53 not out and Edrich's innings of 45 not out.

Scores:

Natal 295 and 219

M.C.C. 407 and 110 for 1

—Reuter.

TWO EUROPEANS LOSE CARS

The loss of cars by two Europeans is contained in Police reports this morning.

Mr. W. Stoker, of 22, Stubbs Road, lost his Austin car No. 455 from outside the Jockey Club yesterday, while Mr. F. G. Atkins lost his car No. 2516 from Connaught Road.

Premier To Attend On King And Queen

London, To-day.

As the Prime Minister will be Minister in Attendance on the King and Queen when they visit Birmingham to-day, the weekly meeting of the Cabinet has been postponed until Thursday. — British Wireless.

JEWELLERY LOSS IN RESTAURANT

The loss of jewellery to the value of \$1,526 is reported by Mr. K. Mogra of No. 8 Breezy Terrace.

Mr. Mogra states that the jewellery was lost in the Ying King Restaurant in Johnston Road at 10 p.m. yesterday.



TURKISH MINE EXPLOSION

Istanbul, To-day.

Some 23 miners were killed by an explosion in a coalpit at Son-guldak, near the Black Sea coast yesterday.

A total of 33 were entombed but ten were saved by immediate rescue action. — Trans-Ocean.

DOCK COMPANY: PROFITS AND DIVIDEND

Sir, Investor's letter in your contemporary regarding the allocation of the profits for the past year deserves full support of all shareholders and it is hoped that some representation will be made to our Directors to reconsider the proposed dividend and bonus before the Annual Meeting or at the meeting itself. It must be remembered that the Company has been through extremely difficult times until a year or two ago, but now is on an entirely new basis. Consequently for a good number of years shareholders received no dividends, but since the reorganisation and under capable direction of our present Chief Manager and his able staff the Company is almost free of the very heavy overdraft which is once again down to reasonable figures. This has been brought about by the fresh capital subscribed by shareholders and the improved working results—the bulk of which has been ploughed back into the business. As "Investor" rightly pointed out, a conservative policy will always have the warm support of shareholders, who I feel sure want to see our Dock second to none and in an unassailable position to meet any competition that in future may arise. On the other hand, with a profit of \$1,800,000—in 1937, only \$122,000 was paid in dividends and \$1,000,000 placed to reserves and again this year \$1,750,000 has been made and only \$280,000 given as dividend. It is well known that our Company is very much under capitalised with its present capital of 3½ million and actually represents a capital investment of close to \$30 million. With such a small issued capital last year's profit shows about 5% and might indicate that good profits are to be made out of Docking, but this is far from being the case as the return on capital sunk in the business is only about 5% and from the profit of 1½ million the Directors propose allocating only \$280,000 for dividend purposes.

I sometimes wonder if the half a dozen or so Directors whose names appear on nearly all our local Directorates, have the time to look after their own business and the affairs of shareholders and the time is fast approaching if it has not already arrived when the large body of small shareholders will insist on more representation on the many of the local companies in which they are interested and I feel sure if some such organisation run along similar lines and with the same aims as The Shareholders Protection Society of London it would receive very wide support.

I feel the least the Company should do for 1938 is to declare a dividend of 10% and a bonus of 5%.

It is hoped that other shareholders will come into the open and express their views, by collective representation at the Annual Meeting.

Yours faithfully,
"Shareholder."



DANCING IN 6 HOURS

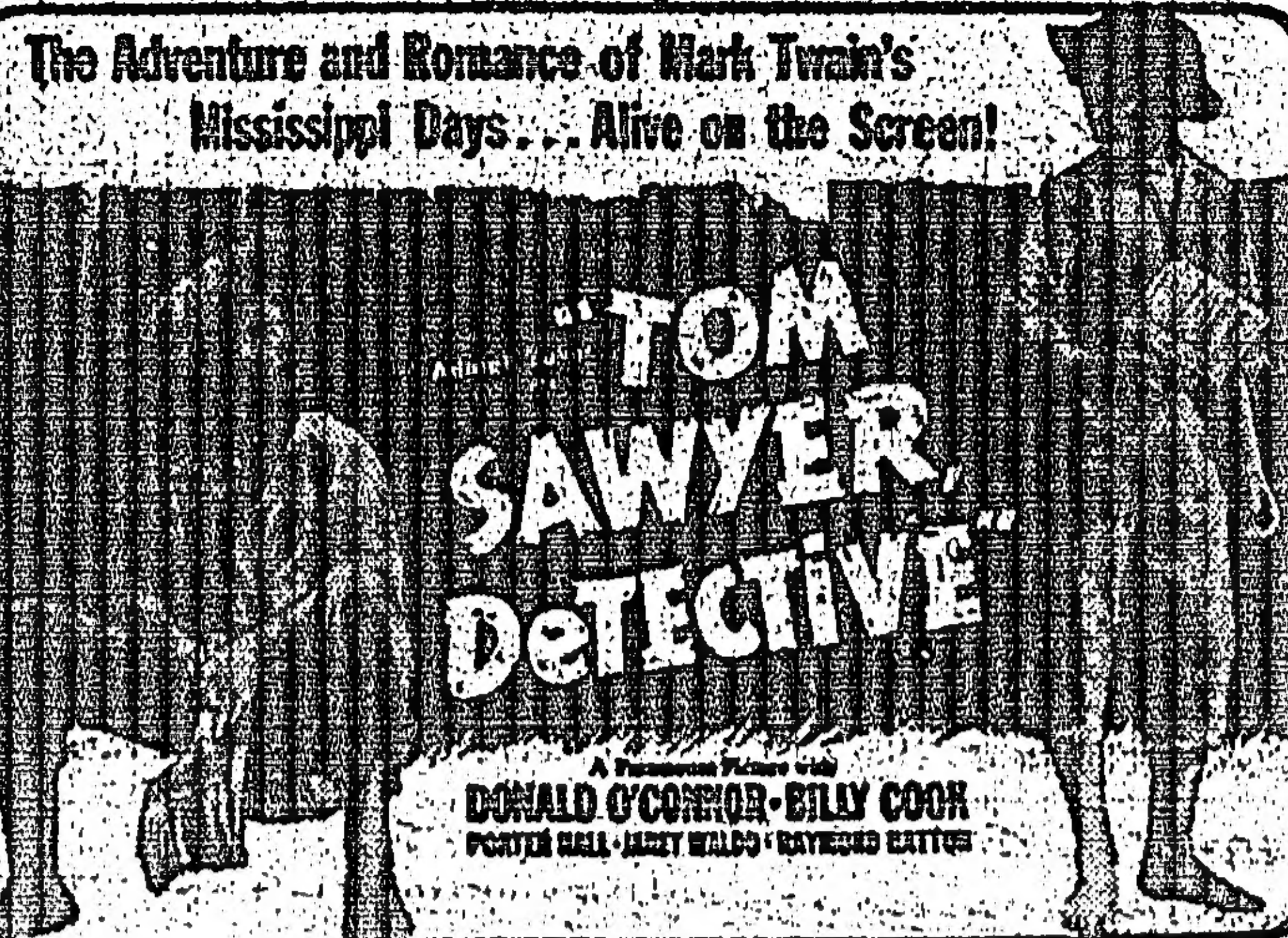
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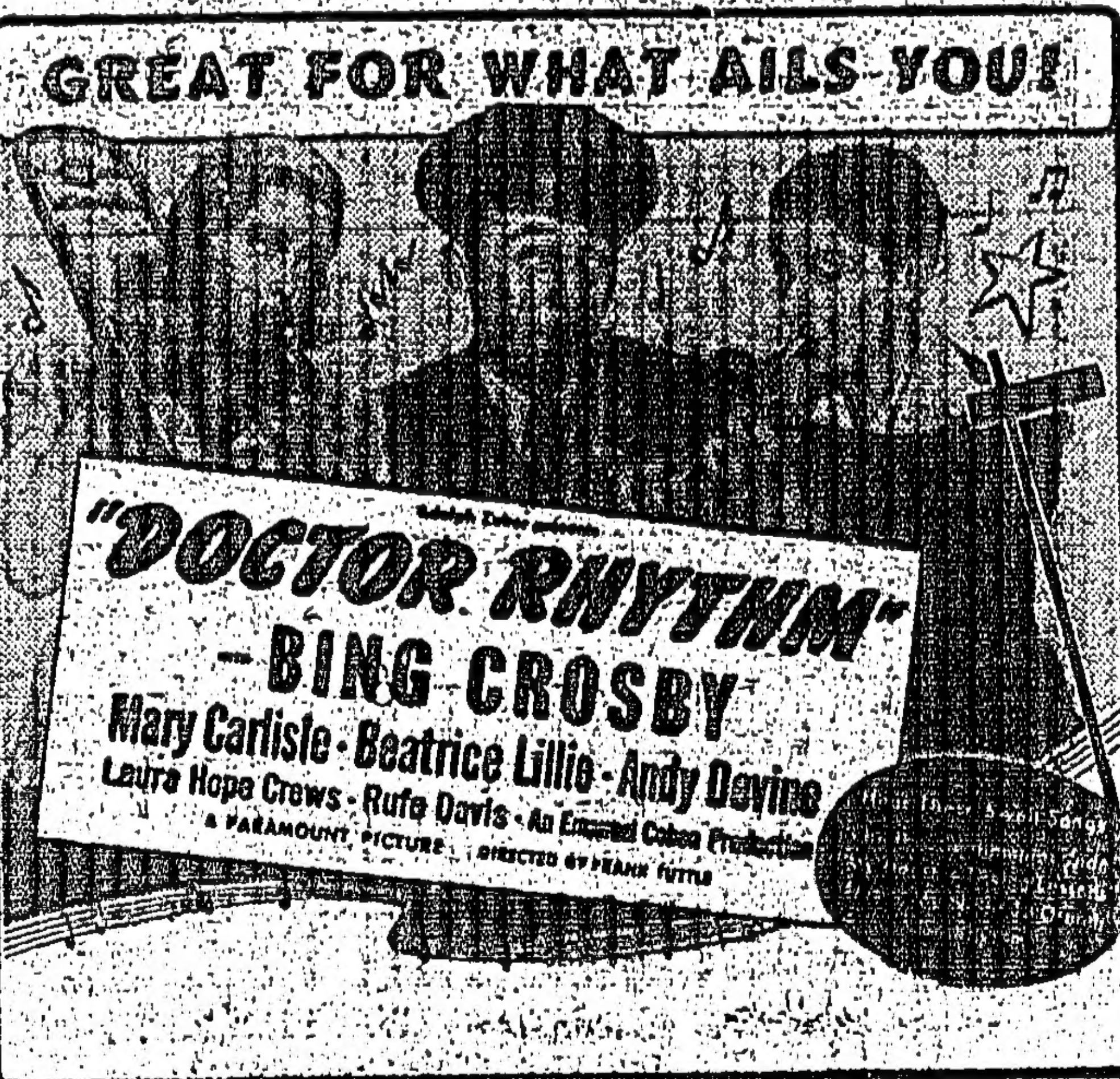
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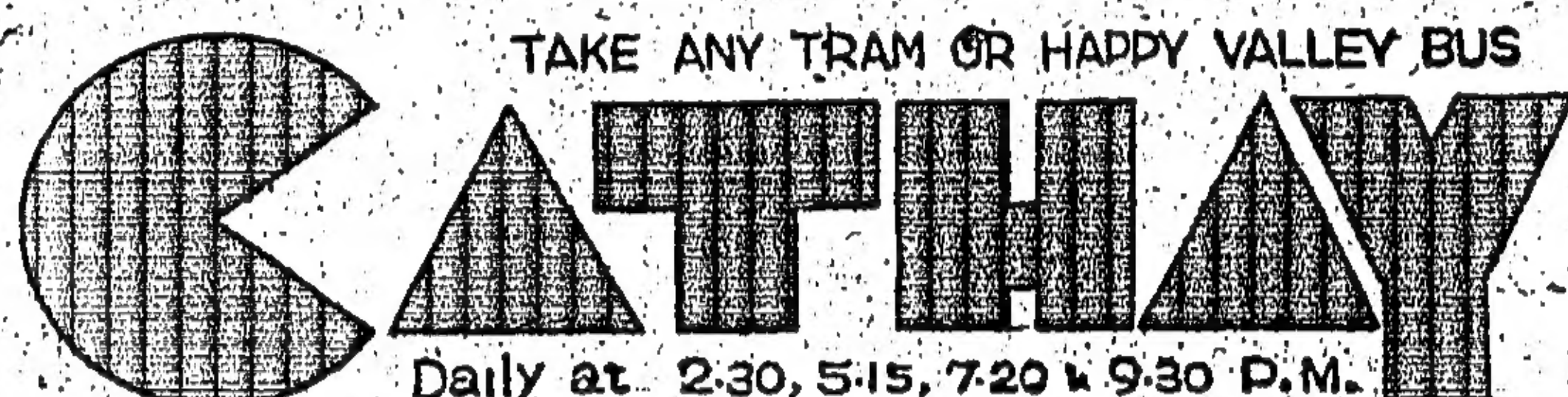
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CONGRESS URGED TO RENEW PRESIDENT'S POWER TO DEVALUE DOLLAR

Washington, To-day.

Testifying before the House of Representatives' coinage committee, the Secretary of Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, strongly urged renewal of the emergency powers covering the Stabilisation Fund and dollar devaluation, which otherwise would expire on June 30.

Mr. Morgenthau maintained that power to devalue the dollar had been "a warning to the world that we are ready and able to defend the position of this country in world trade and to protect American goods from intensified competition in the United States market."

Mr. Morgenthau refrained from specifically recommending renewal of emergency powers authorising purchase of newly-mined silver, but drew attention to the fact that these powers expire on June 30, and under the proposed Bill would be extended until January 15, 1941.

Urging renewal of Presidential authority to change the gold value of the dollar, Mr. Morgenthau made it clear that the Administration does not intend to change the dollar value unless an emergency arises, but strongly favoured retention of this power as "a reserve weapon."

UNWISE TO TIE HANDS

Mr. Morgenthau asserted it would be unwise for the United States to "tie its hands" by permanently fixing the gold value of the dollar at a time when no other important country had taken such action.

He said the fact that the United States had kept the gold value of the dollar through the international monetary disturbances of the past five years should be adequate assurance that the Administration did not desire and did not intend to alter the gold value of the dollar except under circumstances clearly demanding such action. — Reuter.

WIFE CHARGES HUSBAND

A case in which a wife brought suit against her husband, was this morning called at the Kowloon Court, when Mrs. Lau Kwan-yan, residing at No. 591 Nathan Road, summoned her husband, Mr. Lau Kwan Yan, for assault and causing her bodily harm.

It was stated that complainant was not living with her husband for personal reasons. He lived at No. 12 Peace Avenue, but maintained an art school at her home.

Complainant was represented by Mr. A. S. K. Lau, while the defendant was represented by Mr. M. A. da Silva.

The case was adjourned for one week by Mr. E. Himsforth, at the request of the complainant's solicitor, who asked the Court to warn defendant against annoying his wife.

THE WEATHER OF FEBRUARY

The Royal Observatory records that very dry weather was experienced during February, except for a slight fall on the 1st, no measurable amount of rain was recorded during the month.

The weather was also comparatively warm and sunny; temperature was consistently above normal throughout the month, and only two days were completely sunless.

The mean temperature for the month was 62.7 deg. F, which is 3.7 deg. above normal. A maximum of 76.1 deg. was recorded on the 25th, and a minimum of 53.9 deg. on the 4th and 5th. The mean relative humidity was 79 per cent., which is normal.

Sunshine amounted to 188 hours, which is 41 hours above normal. The total rainfall was only 0.02 inch, all of which fell on the 1st. The normal rainfall for the month is 1.79 inches, and this was the driest February since 1913.

The maximum wind velocity in a gust was 40 m.p.h. at 1 a.m. on the 8th.

FINE TO CLOUDY

The Royal Observatory reports that a strong anti-cyclone covers China, Korea and Japan. It is moving slowly eastward, pressure now being highest over the Sea of Japan. A depression has developed over the Northern Loochoo Islands. It will probably move eastward.

Pressure remains relatively low over Siam. Local forecast:—N. E. winds, moderate; fine to cloudy.

MISSING BIRTH CERTIFICATES

Mr. Robert Wallis, of the Chinese Maritime Customs, has reported the loss of his chief engineer's certificate and the birth certificates of himself and his wife, in the Harbour View Hotel yesterday.

RACES THEFT

Ong Siang-how, of No. 88, Des Voeux Road West, has reported the theft by a pickpocket of \$42 at the Hong Kong Jockey Club enclosure yesterday.

Tong Chau-ah, of 37A, Robinson Road, reported that his residence was entered by an open window and three watches and a pair of spectacles, to the value of \$95, stolen last night.

Isolationists Active In U.S. Foreign Policy Fray

"BEING DECOYED INTO ANOTHER WAR"

Washington, To-day.

Violent opposition to the Army Air Force Rearmament Bill was voiced by Senator Worth Clark when the debate on the measure was continued in the Senate yesterday.

Senator Clark stated that the United States was in no danger, and denounced the "hysteria" in which the Bill was drafted.

"It has taken just twenty years for those racketeers over in Europe to drum up another war, and every sort of trickery will be used to inveigle us into it," he declared.

Senator William Borah expressed similar sentiments. He called the Bill "just a lot of bluff and jitters."

Senator Borah added that military experts had told him that the 3,700 new aeroplanes which it was proposed to purchase were "more than the army can use."

LUDLOW AMENDMENT

Another development in the debate was the proposal by twelve isolationists to revive the Ludlow Amendment to the Neutrality Act, calling for a nationwide referendum before war could be declared.

Senator LaFollette, a supporter of the proposal, said the Amendment would be "a final check against secret diplomacy that may decoy us into a foreign war."

He declared that was what happened before the United States entered the Great War.

THE ONLY LANGUAGE

Support for the Bill was expressed by Senator Lee who described it as "the only language Dictators can understand."

The question of French aeroplane purchases in the United States was debated at some length.

Senator Gerald Nye expressed the belief that the United States should abandon for ever the sale of ammunition abroad.

"How long, just for a little profit, are we going on arming the world — perhaps against ourselves?"

Senator Nye added: "The Japanese planes which destroyed the Panay were using American petrol, and their bombs were made from American metal."

STRANGE NEUTRALITY

Senator Borah entered the debate with the allegation that the United States had sold war materials to Germany for years, and only ceased when the Reich began demanding colonies.

He suggested that this was a strange form of neutrality.

Senator Alben Barkley and Senator Lee (Democrats) defended the sale of planes to France as perfectly proper.

"Every plane sold to the Democrats means one less needed for America," declared Senator Lee.

He added: "If they had had a strength comparable to Germany's, there would have been no Munich and no destruction of Czechoslovakia."—Router.

SOCIALIST TO FORM BELGIAN CABINET

Brussels, To-day.

The Socialist Senator, Eugene Soudan, was yesterday entrusted by King Leopold with the task of forming the new Cabinet.

M. Soudan who already occupied the posts of Minister of Justice and Finance in former Cabinets had joined the Pierlot Ministry in which he was given the portfolio of Foreign Affairs.

Political circles believe Senator Soudan will endeavour to form a Cabinet in which the Catholic Socialist and Liberal spokesmen has declared in advance that his party will not participate in any Government until the Martens affair has been settled, in other words until Prof. Martens has withdrawn from the Flemish Academy of Science to which he was recently nominated. — Trans-Ocean.

GEN. NOGUES HAS INTERVIEW WITH M. BONNET

Paris, To-day.

The Foreign Minister, M. Bonnet, yesterday received the French Resident General in Morocco, General Nogues.

Informed quarters believe that M. Bonnet discussed the new situation which has arisen in the Mediterranean as a result of the de jure recognition of the Franco Government.

These quarters attach considerable importance to General Nogues' visit to Paris since the command of the French Forces in North Africa are centralised in the hands of the General who is regarded as the most outstanding personality in the French Colonial Service.

It is believed that General Nogues advocated the appointment of a military personage to the post of Ambassador to the Franco Government. — Trans-Ocean.

FURTHER SCENES IN WARSAW

Warsaw, To-day.

Police charged repeatedly in the streets of Warsaw yesterday to disperse a demonstration of students who tried to march to the Foreign Office and Parliament.

The students were eventually stopped and driven into the University building, where they remained in the afternoon guarded by police. — Reuter.

VALENCIA CONFERENCE

Paris, To-day.

A decision on the future plans of the Spanish Premier, Dr. Negrin, was expected to be reached last night according to information here.

All Ministers of the Negrin Cabinet have left Madrid for Valencia where a Council of Ministers presided over by Dr. Negrin is to take place. — Trans-Ocean.

SUCCESSFUL CHASE

Sentence of six months' hard labour was passed on Li Ping-man, 21, at the Central Magistracy this morning, for stealing a lady's handbag in Caine Road yesterday afternoon. He was arrested by a police constable after a long chase.

President Azana's Letter Of Resignation

Paris, To-day.

President Azana's letter to the President of the Cortes, Martinez Barrio, announcing his resignation as the head of the Spanish Republic was read yesterday to press representatives assembled at Collones sous Saleve in Savoy, where the ex-President is now staying, by his former Chief of Protocol.

The letter reads as follows: "When the general commanding the forces in Central Spain who is the responsible leader of military operations there informed me, in the presence of the Prime Minister, that the war was definitely lost for the Republic, before the Government, as result of this defeat proposed and made preparations for my departure from Spain, I considered it my duty to advise the Government, as represented by the Prime Minister, to immediately take steps to conclude peace under humane conditions in order to spare the defenders of the regime as well as the entire country further useless sacrifices."

"I have personally taken action within the limits imposed by my restricted powers in order to promote this aim but I have been unable to obtain any positive results."

POWERS' ACTION

"Recognition of the existence of a lawful Government in Spain by the powers, especially by France and England, deprives me of my international responsibilities and makes it impossible for me to continue my duties."

ments, in official discharge of my duties, of decisions taken by me conformably not only with my conscience as Spaniard but also with the fervent desire of an overwhelming majority of our nation.

"Since the entire political apparatus of State has disappeared, I lack both within the country and outside it those consultative and executive organs which are indispensable for exercising my presidential functions and carrying out my duties in such a manner as the circumstances require."

HOPED TO AID PEACE

"Under these conditions, it is impossible for me to retain, even nominally, a post which I had not resigned on leaving Spain because I had hoped, at that time, to be able to take advantage of it in the interest of peace."

"I therefore place my resignation as President of the Republic in the hands of your Excellency in order that your Excellency may be able to draw the necessary consequences from it."

The letter bears the date February 27. — Trans-Ocean.

Polish Students Clash With Police

Warsaw, To-day.

Polish students yesterday again staged anti-German demonstrations, shortly after the Italian Foreign Minister's departure from Warsaw.

The demonstrations led to several clashes between the police and the students.

Strong police detachments patrolled the streets of Warsaw throughout the day since the Polish Government is anxious to prevent demonstrations which are regarded as a direct attack on the Foreign Minister, Colonel Beck, himself.

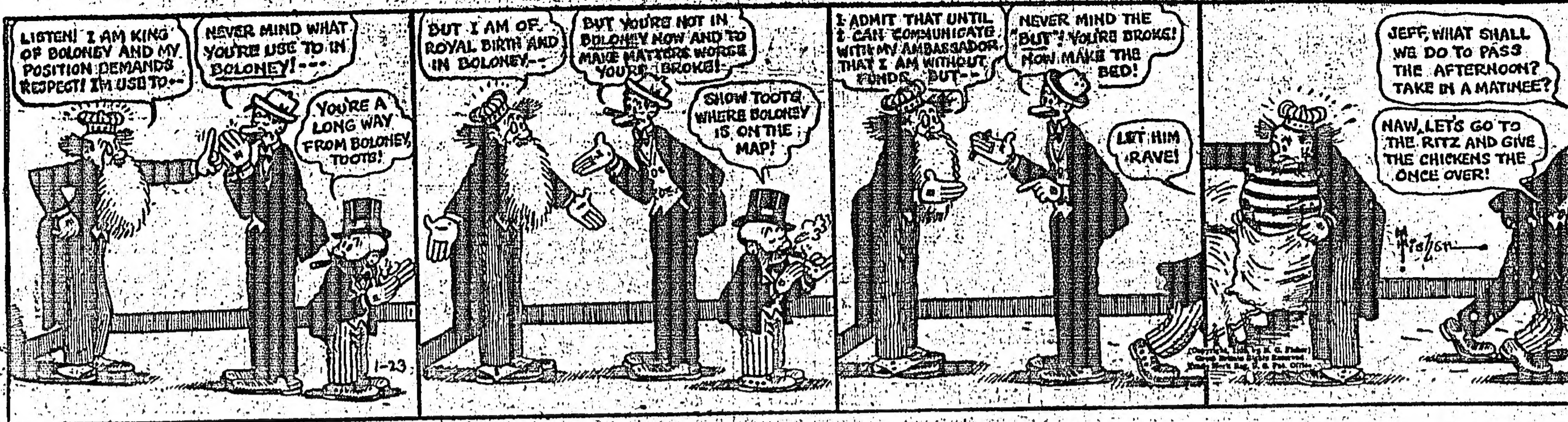
In the afternoon, a group of about one thousand youthful demonstrators, mostly students and schoolboys, formed a procession and attempted to march to the German Embassy building.

They voiced their anti-German feelings by the intonation of aggressive songs and by shouting in unison: "Danzig and East Prussia must become Polish."

Strong detachments of police, including mounted units, brought the procession to halt before it reached the German Embassy and dispersed the demonstrators, arresting some of the most obstinate youthful demonstrators. — Trans-Ocean.

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By BUD FISHER



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THE DAILY SHORT STORY

VISITING VIVIAN

There was no rejoicing in the Barber family when the letter came from wildered Bruce to Aunt Vivian Randall, announcing that Aaron Colt was skeptical, but agreed she was arriving that evening for a short visit.

"Short, my foot!" Asa Barber stormed. "That woman doesn't know the meaning of the word. She'll stay a month and make a confounded jackass out of herself with her alleged jokes. Ethel," he raged at his wife, "I won't have it! Either write and tell her not to come or I'll—I'll make her want to leave!"

"I can't write," Ethel told him. "She's already on her way." Mrs. Barber's face wore a distracted look. To-morrow Aaron Colt of the Wear-better Tire Co., was arriving to talk with Asa about the possibility of establishing an agency in New England. Asa wanted that agency.

"Jake Turner's got the measles," Bruce Barber, fourteen-years old, announced brightly, "and nobody can come to see them."

Asa banged the table. "Measles! That's it! One of us will contract the measles! Fun-loving Vivian will throw a fit, won't even stop to unpack her bags. To make doubly sure, we'll get that half-witted young friend of Helen over here to give a concert on his saxophone. If measles and saxophone playing don't send her out of here, I give up."

Ethel was aghast that her husband had been taking lessons for ten years and could conceive of such a plan, Bruce I can't play the saxophone yet."

Things were progressing smoothly when Vivian blew in. "Blew" is the correct word, Vivian always appeared places as though a gust of wind had propelled her there. Now she took one look at Aaron Colt and he at her, and they flew into each others arms. It developed, much to the chagrin of the Barber family, that the two were old friends and that Aaron thought Vivian was a howl.

Vivian would say, "The meanest man I know is the one who plunged a knife into his friend and then had him arrested for carrying concealed weapons," and Aaron would go into gales of laughter.

Directly after dinner Asa managed to get Mr. Colt into his study and practically convinced him that the tire agency could be placed in no better hands. In fact, Aaron was about to sign on the dotted line when from outside the window came a blaring and shrieking that would put a squawking hen to shame. Mr. Colt flew into a rage. There was, it developed, nothing that annoyed him more than saxophone playing. He was on the point of leaving when Vivian appeared carrying a saxophone.

"You know," she said brightly, "I've been taking lessons for ten years and could conceive of such a plan, Bruce I can't play the saxophone yet."

By Stanley Cordell

refused to daub his face with paint to make himself look as though he had the measles until Asa promised him a new fishpole, and Helen Barber sixteen years old, was indignant that her special boy friend had been referred to as a half-wit, but presently, after an hour of wrangling, Asa triumphed by sheer volume of voice and violence of gesture, and the family went about the business of setting the stage.

The idea might have worked except that Aaron Colt arrived a day earlier than he expected and fifteen minutes before Aunt Vivian. Bruce, thinking the ringing doorbell was an announcement of Aunt Viv's advent, appeared with a face so thickly bespeckled with paint daubs that the whiteness of his skin was barely visible. Aaron Colt stared at him and blinked.

"Good lord, boy, what's that on your face?"

"Measles," said Bruce innocently and proudly.

"Measles! Wow! And I've never had 'em! At my age they'll kill me!" He started for the door, just as Asa appeared.

"Mr. Colt! How are you? You're earlier than we expected. Come in! Come in and be comfortable."

"Barber," said Aaron Colt sternly, "what's the idea of inviting me to your home when your boy has the measles?"

Just then Asa caught sight of Bruce and almost swooned. "Good lord!" he ejaculated, then tried to pass it off as a joke, and instructed the be-ber family when the letter came from wildered Bruce to wash his face.

"Why not?" asked Aaron. "I took piano lessons," said Vivian, and Aaron practically collapsed with laughter.

Asa learned later that Vivian had borrowed the sax from Helen's boy friend, who had come to give his concert. He also learned that if it weren't for Vivian, Aaron Colt would never have signed the agency agreement. And when Vivian finally announced that she and Aaron were leaving and going to be married, the Barber family was too stunned to speak.

"Aaron," Vivian explained, "proposed to me ten years ago and has been proposing on and off ever since. I refused him because I was getting a lot of fun out of life. I thought my friends and relatives," she looked at the Barbors significantly, "liked to have me around because I brought a little cheer into their lives. I see now that I was wrong. Now I know that Aaron is the only person in the world who appreciates my jokes. So I'm going to marry him. We're leaving at once. You have your agreement, Asa, and the rest of you have had your fun with measles and so forth, so I'm sure you won't mind."

The Barbors tried to protest, to show their appreciation of what Vivian had done for them. But Vivian wasn't interested. She was saying to Aaron: "It's usually a fact that girls who dress to kill usually cook the same way," and Aaron was roaring with laughter.

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JEWISH OBJECTIONS TO BRITAIN'S PLAN

Meeting Adjourned Without Achieving Result Whole Position To Be Reviewed Once Again

London, To-day.

An informal meeting between the British Government and Jewish representatives yesterday afternoon discussed the Jewish objections to accepting the British suggestions for a basis of discussion.

The discussion was adjourned and the date of resumption was not fixed, due to the necessity for the British to consider the general position.

Another reason is the indisposition of the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, who is in bed with influenza.

No meetings were held with the Arabs yesterday but to-day's arranged meeting will continue according to plan.

DEADLOCK PERSISTS

It is understood that the situation between the British and Jewish delegations is unchanged as result of these informal talks.

Two informal talks on Monday and yesterday failed to break the deadlock in the formal talks created by the Jewish decision that the British Government's suggestions afforded no basis for further negotiations.

ONUS ON BRITAIN

It is understood that adjournment of the informal talks for an indefinite period was to give the British delegation an opportunity to consider whether or not the suggestions may be modified, and if so in what respect.

It is believed the British delegation showed itself ready to make concessions on what are regarded in Jewish circles as minor points.

According to a prominent Jewish delegate, postponement of the meetings did not mean breakdown of the talks but the onus for resumption rested with the British Government.

It is authoritatively learned that the MacMahon Correspondence is expected to be published at the end of the week.

The question of translation has been concluded, though there are still one or two points outstanding.

The full Arab delegation met at the Egyptian Embassy last evening.

NOT PRECISE

It is learned in authoritative quarters that main purpose of the meeting was to discuss the British Government's suggestions for settlement of the Palestine problem put forward at the week-end.

It is thought in Arab circles that the suggestions as they now stand are not sufficiently precise to permit an immediate Arab decision in regard to acceptance or rejection.

General feeling, however, is one of optimism, and it is thought the suggestions will form a promising basis for future discussions, in the course of which they may be clarified and extended to a more definite plan.—Reuter.

HAWKERS PLAY HIDE-AND-SEEK WITH POLICE

A fish-hawkers' ruse was exposed in Court to-day in the course of testimony by Sergt. G. B. Whitley, who was prosecuting a Chinese woman for selling fish without a license, revealing the way fish hawkers work together whenever any one of them is in danger of arrest.

Sergt. Whitley said he saw a woman selling fish. When she saw him approaching, she disappeared. He finally found the woman counting money, but as there was no fish to produce as evidence, he had warned her. Returning about ten minutes later, he again saw her selling fish, but she again disappeared into the crowd, this time without the fish. He had stood beside the fish. Defendant had then come forward to speak, while out of the corner of his eye, he saw a young boy trying to remove the fish. He followed the boy into a house, where upon the woman arrived and pleaded with him to give the boy a chance as he was her son. He arrested them both and took them back to where the fish had been left on the ground, but in the meantime, someone had removed them.

WOMAN'S ACCUSATION

The woman, giving evidence, stated that her son had been hired by a stall owner to sell fish for him outside. The only reason that she spoke to the Sergeant at all was because she saw him striking her son.

Mr. E. Himsworth, giving judgment, said: "I have already given you people two warnings this week in this Court, not to sell fish outside the market stalls. I don't propose to repeat that warning every day." The defendant was fined \$25.

PALESTINE ARABS TO MAKE ATTITUDE PLAIN TO-DAY

London, To-day.

The Palestine Arabs will make known their attitude towards the British proposals to-day, it is understood, although whether this will be favourable is not known.

Communication with Grand Mufti in Beirut was still going on last night.

In the meantime, the conferences in the Anglo-Arab Committee are progressing, chief attention being given to the exchange of notes between Sir Henry Macmahon and the Sherif of Mecca.

It is hoped that the Committee will complete its work during the present week and present its report to the Conference.

As soon as this has been accomplished, the Government will be required to decide whether it will persist in its original plan of excluding Palestine from territory granted exclusively to the Arabs.

This decision is naturally being awaited with great interest as it will determine to a large extent the future attitude of the Arab delegation.—Trans-Ocean.

ADMIRAL'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO MACAO

Macao, To-day.

H.E. Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Noble arrived yesterday in H.M.S. Falmouth, on an official visit to this Colony. He was accompanied by Lady Noble and their niece, Miss Noble, and attended by Flag-Lieut.-Comm. Matheson.

Shortly after the ship anchored, Comm. Samuel Vieira, Commadore, and Mr. F. J. Gellion, British Vice Consul for Macao, boarded the man-of-war to greet the distinguished visitor and his party.

On landing at the pier, the Admiral was saluted by a salvo of 17 guns fired by the artillery lined up at the waterfront and commanded by Lt. Guedes Silva. H.E. Sir Percy Noble then inspected the Guard of Honour drawn from the Infantry Regiment under the command of Capt. Carvalho.

The visiting party, accompanied by Major Yelo, Mr. and Mrs. Gellion, then motored to Government House to pay their respects to H.E. Dr. Arthur Tamagnini Barbosa, Governor of Macao. The British visitors were entertained by Dr. Barbosa to an official luncheon, which was attended by the leading civilian, military and naval personages and their wives.

A tea-party was held on board the Falmouth later in the afternoon and Sir Percy Noble and his party were accompanied by the Commandant and Officers of the Home to a large gathering at the Hotel de Ville.

GENERAL STRIKE IN JERUSALEM

Jerusalem, To-day.

The bomb outrages in Palestine have been answered by the Arabs by the proclamation of a general strike in Jerusalem.

Arab shops are closed and traffic is at a standstill. The situation is tense and British troops are on an alarm-footing throughout the country. A clash occurred with a large band near Helron and eight Arabs were killed. The Jewish leaders have called for calm and attribute the bomb outrages to irresponsible characters.—Trans-Ocean.

Gellion were hosts at a dinner party held at their Penha Hill residence, Skyline.

The Falmouth, with H.E. Vice Admiral Sir Percy Noble, left for Hong Kong this morning.—Our Own Correspondent.

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RECOGNITION OF FRANCO

De jure recognition by Britain and France of General Franco's Government in Spain can in no sense be termed a surprise. Whether, because the step was foreseen, it is any the less unpalatable to those who question the wisdom and morality of the decision, at this stage, is altogether another matter.

Looking at the situation objectively, it has to be conceded that Mr. Chamberlain and M. Daladier were faced with a problem of the gravest moment, compelling quick decision, likely to throw them open to severe criticism whatever the course chosen. Most cogent of all factors in the final commitment to recognition was, of course, the plain fact that Mussolini had carried out his declared intention of smashing serious Republican resistance, and that General Franco, whether recognised or not, could hardly be regarded otherwise than as in control of every important zone of Spain.

For Mr. Attlee, or any other friend of Republican Spain, to accuse Mr. Chamberlain of treachery, or of selling out the Madrid leaders, or whatever else it is he may be accused of, is spurious accusation insofar as it concerns the act of recognition. Collapse of the Republican regime became inevitable on the fall of Barcelona. If Republican Spain has been the victim of Democratic "appeasement," the treachery occurred not during the week-end, but during the whole process of one-sided non-intervention, and on that Parliament has had plenty of debate.

The only issue really before Mr. Chamberlain and M. Daladier during the week-end was whether, by recognition, anything

could be saved from the wreck brought about by cowardly ineptitude of their past policy.

From that point of view, the attempt is perhaps worth the making, even while many would prefer that Britain were in the happier position of the United States, farther from the scene of struggle, less directly concerned in its outcome, and therefore able to withdraw temporarily from the onus of reaching a decision; able to await upon Franco's actions in control and on them judge his worthiness for recognition as a responsible statesman.

Mr. Chamberlain was not in that comfortable position. Vital strategic as well as diplomatic considerations are bound up with the securing of what harmony and goodwill it is possible to wrest from Franco's emergence on top. Even if the prospect is not very bright, and it is not, to fail to make the attempt would arouse more justified criticism than Mr. Attlee has been able to produce.

That view does not involve any belief that the effort will succeed. Only a simpleton can suppose that for two and a half years Signor Mussolini has spent blood and money in order to enjoy an "ideological" success by defeating "Bolshevism" in Spain. Only those who delude themselves can imagine that he will not screw the utmost advantage, military and political, out of his hold on Spain. It is not enough that General Franco has declared his determination to secure the traditional independence of Spain. That could be interpreted by General Franco as not conflicting with adherence to the Rome-Berlin Axis, for instance. If General Franco contemplates nothing of the kind, it remains to be considered that neither he nor anyone else, at this moment, can see future developments quite clearly. If Il Duce decided to keep Majorca, who would put him out? If Franco allies himself closely with his "necessary" patron, and he might be unable to escape even if he willed, the harbours of Spain would be Italy's. There is, indeed, only one encouraging fact: knowledge that many of the Franco's leaders have been profoundly disturbed by the nature of Italy's military aid to General Franco. They have not openly challenged the alliance while it has served the end of defeating the Republicans. Feeling of hostility may, however, be expected to grow as need for Italy's aid finally disappears.

Then will come the real test and no-one can predict the result with confidence. What is certain is that Anglo-French initiative cannot, of itself, succeed in producing any satisfactory outcome. If the Axis Powers fail to achieve their political aims in Spain, it will only be because of active resistance within Spain from the Spanish people themselves. Franco's Burgos speech is warning that he himself will not inspire any cutting drift.

British and French recognition gives Franco a point to turn to should he be compelled to make a move in defence of real Spanish independence. The Premier's decision has merit for that reason. It is difficult to find any other.

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE WEAK IN CHUNGKING

GENERALISSIMO IS IN SOLE CONTROL

Chungking, February 23.

Observers of Chinese affairs are at present devoting their attention to two issues: the extent of Communist influence over the Chinese Government; and the strength of the Chinese armed forces. Current rumours that the Chinese Communists are dominating the Government are stated to be absolutely without foundation.

Before the convocation of the Fifth Plenary Session of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang, it was rumoured that the Government would be re-organized in order to allow Communist leaders to participate, but no such re-organization has taken place.

The only Communist leader in the Government, it is pointed out, is Chou En-lai, who is Vice-Minister of the Political Affairs Department of the National Military Council, of which General Chen Cheng, one of General Chiang Kai-shek's most able and most trusted commanders, is Minister.

Mao Tse-tun, the head of the Chinese Communist Party, is stated to be still in Yen-an, in North Shensi, while Chu Teh, Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese Communist Army, continues to direct the operations of the 8th Route Army in Shansi and Hopei provinces, under orders from General Chiang Kai-shek.

Other Communist leaders, such as Wang Ming (Chen Shao-yu) and Ching Pang-hsien, the observers in question declare, do not have posts in the Government, being only delegates to the National People's Congress, an advisory body with no executive powers.

Following the establishment of the National Defence Supreme Council, it was rumoured that Communist leaders would be included in the Council, but this forecast proved wrong. The Council is a body under the direction of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang, and as such, it is pointed out, it cannot include non-Kuomintang members. This, they stress, is especially true since the Kuomintang rejected the Communist proposal to allow Communists to join the party.

THREE REASONS

The influence of the Chinese Communist Party, it is stated by Chinese observers here, has been greatly exaggerated, and they ascribe three reasons for this:—

1. Official silence regarding the matter on the part of the Kuomintang.

2. The extensive publicity emanating from Chinese Communist sources.

3. A tendency to over-estimate the strength and romanticize the activities of any hidden entity.

It is quite clear that the Kuomintang is not going out of its way to suppress the Communists. The reason for this, it is stated, is simple. "For there would be neither necessity nor justification for such a course."

The Chinese Communists, Chinese quarters declare, have only limited political and military power, and all their power in these directions is at present being devoted entirely to support of the Government and General Chiang Kai-shek in the war against Japan.—Reuter.

TRAIN DERAILED AND ATTACKED

Loyang, To-day.

A north-bound Japanese train loaded with troops and provisions was derailed to the south of Yucheng, on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, 33 kilometres north of Tsinan, according to reports received here.

Chinese guerrillas who had torn up a section of the rails emerged and fired upon the derailed train. They killed many Japanese and captured a large quantity of provisions.—Central News.

BANDITS RAID PLEASURE RESORT

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

IT IS REPORTED THAT ARMED BANDITS ON MONDAY NIGHT RAIDED VARIOUS GAMBLING HOUSES AT KIAOCHOW BEACH, ON THE YANGTSE NEAR WOOSUNG.

Kiaochow was formerly a popular Shanghai summer resort, and is now under Japanese occupation.

The bandits made away with several thousand dollars. No casualties are reported.—Reuter.

CYCLE AFIRE UNDER RIDER

An uncomfortable experience befell Pte. Oliver of the Middlesex Regiment whilst motor cycling yesterday morning. Pte. Oliver was driving his motor cycle along Waterloo Road at about 10 a.m. when it suddenly caught fire underneath him and was completely destroyed.

MR. EDEN IN FAVOUR OF RECOGNITION

London, To-day.

Intervening in the House of Commons debate yesterday Mr. Anthony Eden brought his support to the Government's decision to grant recognition to General Franco's Government.

However, he urged that the British and French Governments should exert themselves to the utmost to see if possible that the closing stages of the Spanish Civil War should not see a repetition of the tragic sufferings which had marked its long course.

They should try to negotiate an armistice.—British Wireless.

The "Rampura" left Shanghai yesterday and is due here to-morrow at about 7 p.m.

SILVER BUYING AMENDMENT DEFEATED

Washington, To-day.

An amendment to the Treasury Appropriation Bill, designed to limit silver buying by the Treasury to newly-mined domestic silver, was defeated in the House of Representatives yesterday by 155 votes to 135.

The Bill was approved earlier by a standing vote of 180 to 123, which was reversed by a subsequent teller vote.

The amendment was proposed by Representative Taber (Republican) who alleged that the United States had been paying for the Sino-Japanese and Spanish wars as a result of her foreign silver purchases.—Reuter.

NEW JAPANESE TIENTSIN MOVE

Chungking, To-day.

Following the Japanese barricading of the French and British Concessions in Tientsin, puppet officials have received instructions to move out of the Concessions before March 15, according to a Tientsin report.

The instructions specify that they must bring their families.—Central News.

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RED FEATHER WINS LADIES' PURSE IN KEEN EARLY RACING

Better Average Dividends During The Morning

Lancashire Chips Scores In Adelaide Plate

Beautiful weather, in contrast to yesterday's dull conditions, greeted the opening of Ladies' Day in the Annual Race Meeting at Happy Valley this morning.

In bright sunshine, the colourful gowns created a picturesque scene as the ladies strolled and chatted in the Members' Enclosure.

As yesterday the first race of the day provided a handsome dividend, King Kong paying \$75.80 for a win and Bressay \$49.10 for second place.

In a keen race for the Ladies' Purse, the principal event before lunch, Mrs. L. Dunbar's Red Feather, ridden by Mr. P. Y. T. Wei, scored an excellent win.

The ceremony of presentation was performed on this occasion by Miss Elizabeth Grayburn, daughter of Sir Vandelluer Grayburn, who presented Mr. Wei with a purse containing ten gold sovereigns, after which, as is customary, Mr. Wei escorted Miss Grayburn into lunch.

1.—LEIGHTON HILL STAKES.—

Six Furlongs.

Cocoa's King Kong, 161 lbs., ...

(S. C. Liang) 1

T. and E.'s Bressay, 161 lbs., ...

(H. J. A. Hearne) 2

H. Leigh's Guinness Time, 158 lbs., ...

(J. Pote-Hunt) 3

Also ran:—Battleship, 155 lbs., (S. W. Tang); Bogey, 155 lbs., (C. F. H. Churchill); Gallant Marshal, 158 lbs., (C. Encarnacao); Green Bay, 155 lbs., (P. Y. T. Wei); High Tower, 161 lbs., (S. L. Yuen); Magog, 158 lbs., (V. V. Needa); Matador, 161 lbs., (T. L. Wong); Mercury, 147 lbs., (K. I. Ip); National Honour, 158 lbs., (H. P. Chanson); National Justice, 148 lbs., (Yeung Wing-kwai); New Bedford, 155 lbs., (W. G. Poy); Patriotic Day, 161 lbs., (P. L. Chiu); Ring Master, 158 lbs., (B. L. Tao); Sports Venture, 158 lbs., (F. Marshall); Thanksgiving Day, 152 lbs., (Ip Kui-ying); The Buccaneer, 154 lbs., (L. B. Chao); The Grey Tiger, 161 lbs., (H. C. Pih); The Spirit of

St. Louis, 155 lbs., (S. W. Pan); and Tiny Tim, 152 lbs., (B. A. Proulx).

22 starters.

Won by a head; a head.

Time: 1:30-4/5.

Pari-mutuel, winner \$75.80; places, 1st \$19.80; 2nd \$49.10; 3rd \$8.40.

2.—GRAND STAND STAKES.—

Six Furlongs.

Eu Tong Sen's Blue Express, 161 lbs., ...

(C. Encarnacao) 1

V. M. Grayburn's Avon, 161 lbs., ...

(H. J. A. Hearne) 2

L. Dunbar's Galveston Bay, 161 lbs., ...

(P. Y. T. Wei) 3

Also ran:—Blue Diamond, 158 lbs., (T. Y. Woo); Forgotten Star, 161 lbs., (S. W. Pan); Lady Love, 161 lbs., (V. V. Needa); Taxing Master, 161 lbs., (B. L. Tao); and The Tigress, 155 lbs., (H. C. Pih).

8 starters.

Won by 4 lengths; 1/2 length.

Time: 1:28.

Pari-mutuel, winner \$6.00; places, 1st \$5.60; 2nd \$3.80; 3rd \$8.70.

3.—LADIES' PURSE.—(About 7 Furlongs 49 Yards).

Mrs. Dunbar's Red Feather, 161 lbs., ...

(P. Y. T. Wei) 1

Lan's Moonlight View, 161 lbs., ...

(H. C. Pih) 2

Marber's Humdrum Eve, 161 lbs., ...

(T. L. Wong) 3

Also ran:—Boilat Bay, 161 lbs., (H. J. A. Hearne); Commencement Bay, 161 lbs., (S. C. Liang); Expansion Time, 158 lbs., (J. Pote-Hunt); Gladiator, 158 lbs., (F. Marshall); Joher, 161 lbs., (D. Black); Oak Bay, 161 lbs., (B. A. Proulx); Potentate, 158 lbs., (W. G. Poy); Rob Roy, 161 lbs., (C. Encarnacao); and Soldier of Britain, 161 lbs., (F. F. Li).

12 starters.

Won by 1 1/2 lengths; short head.

Time: 1:45-2/5.

Pari-mutuel, winner \$13.80; places, 1st \$6.40; 2nd \$9.50; 3rd \$8.80.

4.—ADELAIDE STAKES.—(About One Mile 171 Yards).

Mrs. J. H. Taggart's Lancashire Chips, 152 lbs., ...

(D. Black) 1

Fatshan's Able Amazon, 155 lbs., ...

(F. Marshall) 2

Commodity's Snowy River, 149 lbs., ...

(H. J. A. Hearne) 3

Also ran:—Centre Court, 155 lbs., (S. W. Tang); and Double Finesse, 155 lbs., (P. Y. T. Wei).

5 starters.

Won by 2 lengths; a neck.

Time: 1:57-2/5.

Pari-mutuel, winner \$6.60; places, 1st \$5.20; 2nd \$5.40.

5.—JOCKEY CUP.—One Mile.

Braes's Sylvaldale, 165 lbs., ...

(A. D. Coppin) 1

Hoping's Flybynight, 147 lbs., ...

(Ho Hong-ping) 2

H. B. L. Dowbiggin's Ebony Idol, 140 lbs., ...

(G. Treverton) 3

Also ran:—Cuban Love, 140 lbs., (Hoo Tak-ming); Double Chance, 155 lbs., (G. E. Payno); Fel Ying, 140 lbs., (Ho Hong-ping); Golden Cow, 155 lbs., (Chiu Ki-fan); Gold Sovereign, 158 lbs., (L. F. Chiu); Jungle Jim, 168 lbs., (Yueng Wing-kwai); Lancashire Chap, 140 lbs., (R. K. C. Chui); National Anthem, 140 lbs., (Chanson Feng); National Guard, 142 lbs., (Yeung Wing-sing); Plain View, 158 lbs., (I. Ip); Royal Highness, 158 lbs., (S. W. Lee); Sunlight View, 168 lbs., (W. Fung); The Leopard, 145 lbs., (Lo G. Hin); Tribute, 140 lbs., (A. F. D. Coulson); and Valorous, 165 lbs., (R. M. Wood).

18 starters.

Won by a neck; a neck.

Time: 2:05-2/5.

Pari-mutuel, winner \$31.90; places, 1st \$11.60; 2nd \$20.90; 3rd \$31.70.

6.—BLUE MOUNTAINS PLATE.—

One and a Quarter Miles.

Seth's Happy Landing, 152 lbs., ...

(W. H. S. Davis) 1

Lady Northcote's Devonian, 155 lbs., ...

(H. J. A. Hearne) 2

Why's National Victory, 152 lbs., ...

(H. P. Chanson) 3

Also ran:—Amber II, 152 lbs., (B. L. Tao); Chiltern, 155 lbs., (W. G. Poy); Ruby Star, 155 lbs., (P. Y. T. Wei); and Schmetterling, 152 lbs., (C. L. Gregory).

7 starters.

Won by 2 lengths; 4 lengths.

Time: 2:20.

Pari-mutuel, winner \$14.30; places, 1st \$8.00; 2nd \$8.70; 3rd \$28.20.

7.—HALLAR STAKES.—One Mile.

Hollandia's Orange Boven, 158 lbs., ...

(C. Encarnacao) 1

John Peel's Milleaye, 155 lbs., ...

(V. V. Needa) 2

L. W. F.'s Phoenix, 155 lbs., ...

(F. F. Li) 3

Also ran:—Avalon, 156 lbs., (L. B. Chao); Blaisdon, 158 lbs., (B. A. Proulx); Chatterbox, 158 lbs., (B. L. Tao); Dow Jones, 161 lbs., (S. L. Yuen); Heddon, 161 lbs., (H. J. A. Hearne); Kut Cheung, 152 lbs., (T. Y. Woo); National Service, 158 lbs., (S. W. Tang); Pawnee, 155 lbs., (P. Y. T. Wei); Rose Day, 155 lbs., (P. L. Chiu); Smiling Time, 155 lbs., (J. Pote-Hunt); Some Hope, 155 lbs., (S. C. Liang); Starlet, 158 lbs., (C. L. Gregory); The Mermaid, 153 lbs., (K. I. Ip); Tiger Eyes, 155 lbs., (Y. T. Fung); Wilber, 152 lbs., (D. Black); and Wild Bear, 152 lbs., (H. C. Pih).

19 starters.

Won by 4 lengths; a neck.

Time: 2:04-2/5.

Pari-mutuel, winner \$8.00; places, \$6.40; 2nd \$9.60; 3rd \$22.70.

HAVE YOU WON?

Race 1
No. 365 \$904.40
" 390 258.40
" 1422 129.20
Unplaced runners (\$50 each), Nos.: 1891, 2272, 1891, 2748, 2737, 239, 1005, 16, 822, 2680, 1145, 1922, 328, 1819, 624, 1294, 353, 658, 2492.

Race 2
No. 2412 \$1500.80
" 2626 428.80
" 200 214.40
Unplaced runners (\$50 each), Nos.: 2686, 2890, 847, 1168, 1830.

Race 3
No. 2482 \$1467.20
" 3268 419.20
" 1817 209.60
Unplaced runners (\$50 each), Nos.: 2942, 2529, 404, 1187, 731, 2504, 1461, 742, 115.

Race 4
No. 283 \$1792.00
" 1585 512.00
" 2767 256.00
Unplaced runners (\$50 each), Nos.: 69, 2228.

Race 5
No. 528 \$1470.00
" 3134 420.00
" 916 210.00
Unplaced runners (\$50 each), Nos.: 1904, 2700, 1423, 3463, 271, 3682, 650, 260, 2360, 817, 96, 645, 1158, 1407, 2378.

Race 6
No. 2830 \$2387.00
" 2320 632.00
" 3158 341.00
Unplaced runners (\$50 each), Nos.: 4147, 2691, 525, 2466.

Race 7
No. 1497 \$2206.40
" 1249 630.40
" 357 315.20
Unplaced runners (\$50 each), Nos.: 670, 868, 2269, 2641, 4473, 3881, 3891, 3705, 3038, 4481, 727, 88, 25, 1071, 2315, 3263.

JAPANESE AIR VISITATIONS AT SWATOW

SWATOW, TO-DAY.

LIFE IN SWATOW TO-DAY CONSISTS OF A SERIES OF AIR RAID WARNINGS, THOUGH THERE HAS BEEN NO DIRECT ATTACK ON THE CITY ITSELF BY JAPANESE PLANES.

On several occasions a lone raider has flown low over the city, but confined its mission to spotting.

Three large bombers dropped eight bombs at Swabue without doing any damage and without loss of life.

On their return the raiders flew over Kityang and Chowchowful but no bombs were dropped. — Our Own Correspondent.

RAILWAY BOMBED

Swatow, To-day. A lone Japanese airplane bombed the vicinity of the railway station at 3.40 this morning.

Twelve railway labourers' houses and 20 feet of rail track were destroyed, but there were no casualties.

Two other bombs landed in a paddyfield. — Reuter.

ALI MAHER PASHA GOES HOME

Cairo, To-day.

The chief Egyptian delegate to the London Palestine conference, Ali Maher Pasha, is expected back from London within the next few days.

The return of the Minister is connected with the impending arrival of the Crown Prince of Iran, who is marrying the sister of King Farouk. — Trans-Ocean.

THREE KOWLOON SMALLPOX CASES

Four smallpox cases, three of them in Kowloon and one in the New Territories, were notified to the Medical Department yesterday. There were also nine further measles cases, four chickenpox, one typhoid, two meningitis, and 28 tuberculosis, including 13 each from Kowloon and Victoria.

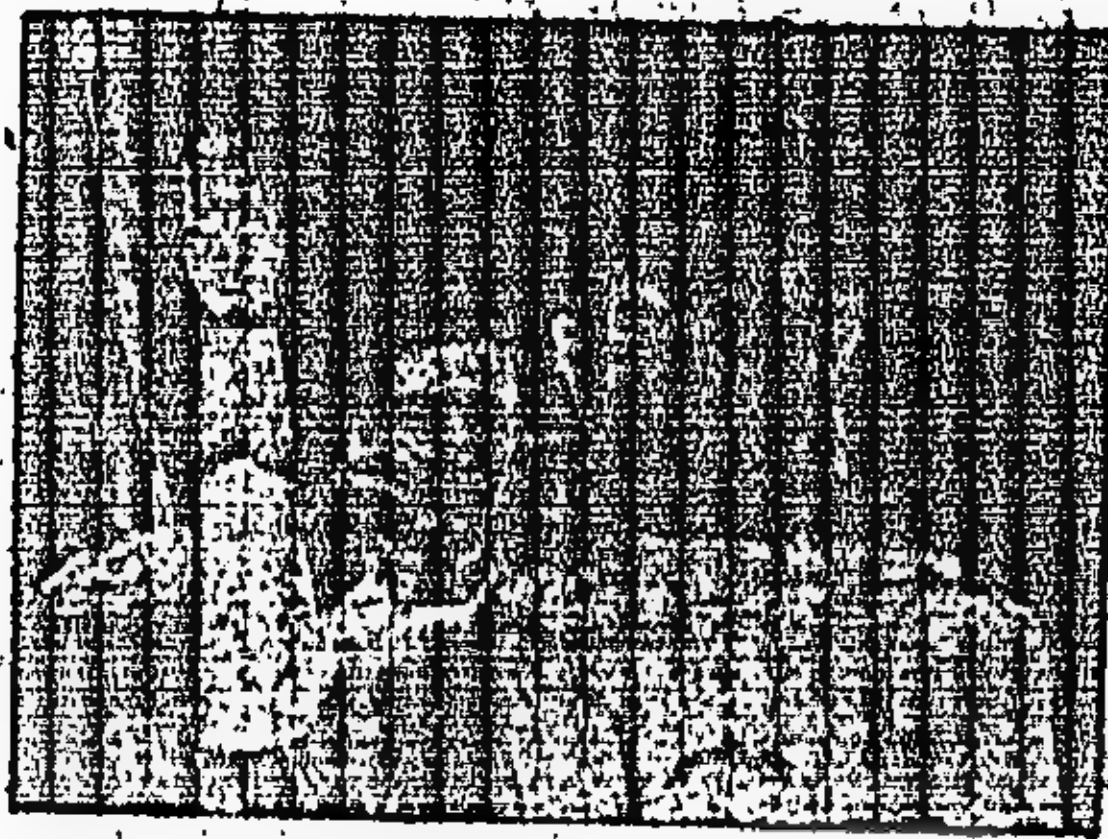
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News Snack Bar



A Robot which walks, sits down, talks and smokes is the favourite of children at Kettering. The Robot is the invention of Mr. Charles Lawson, a local electrical engineer. An amplifier is wired inside the head to provide the speech and the robot moves its legs and arms in lifelike manner. Photo shows Mr. Lawson giving his Robot a light for its cigarette.

CANTEEN DARTS AT LUNCH BANNED

Because they are considered dangerous, darts are banned in the canteen of a Nottingham gun factory (where a record output of anti-aircraft guns is being maintained).

At mealtimes the men throw darts as they ate. Many an enthusiast was to be seen holding a sandwich in one hand and a dart in the other.

Recently the Appeal Court held that a workman injured by a dart at his place of employment may claim compensation from his employer.

Officials promptly decided that the Treasury had best be safeguarded by a ban on the game.

Meanwhile, in the Nottingham A.R.P. depots darts continues as a hot favourite.

When Lord Privy Seal Sir John Anderson visited Nottingham and inspected A.R.P. depots he appeared to give it his benediction by posing for a photograph while watching a contest.

LONDON STREET SCHEME

HITCH

London County Council Highways and Finance Committees, in a joint report recommend the Council that it is unable, on the basis of 60 per cent. grant, to carry out in a limited period, the three major schemes selected from the Bressey report on London roads and provisionally agreed for prior execution. The three schemes should be completed within thirty years, and would cost London taxpayers between £1,500,000 and £2,000,000 a year.



"ROBOT" IS THE CHILDREN'S FAVOURITE. — This photo shows the Robot (mentioned above) holding up traffic for some kids to cross the road.

TUMBLER OF WATER Lot's Wife TO DRIVE LINER

There is enough energy stored in a tumblerful of water to drive the liner Queen Mary across the Atlantic—if that energy could be harnessed.

This energy lies in the millions upon millions of hydrogen atoms contained in the water. And when scientists have learned to split those atoms it will be released. Now Dr. Francis Aston, winner of the Nobel Prize for chemistry in 1922, doyen of the Cavendish Laboratory at Cambridge, thinks that within a century we'll have done it. So he told people in Sydney, when he arrived there on a health cruise.

PRESENTED FROM COURT

The best (or worst) of wit in London police courts:—
Defendant at Tottenham: How much do I suggest I pay? Nothing! But I'm willing to offer 15s. a week.

Witness at Stratford: I offered the lady my seat. She thanked me and put her hat on the seat, and stood beside me.

Woman at Ealing: I knew my husband had spent the money on the way home. Because when I held out my hand, as I usually do, he only shook it.

PUT TRUST IN BRITISH LAW

"I think it is a matter for pride that two European nations should bring their differences to be tried by the British Admiralty Court, and that a decision should be given within so short a time as two months." Mr. A. T. Miller, K.G., made this statement when Mr. Justice Bucknill found the German steamer La Plata alone to blame for a collision in fog in the Bay of Biscay by which the Greek steamship Akti was sunk and seventeen of her crew drowned.

LAMBETH WALK BAN OFF

Bath Spa Committee has lifted the ban on the Lambeth Walk at the famous Assembly Rooms. In an official statement the committee says that the structure of the building is "unaffected by the dancing."

"Science cannot be blamed for the abuses that are made of its discoveries," he added.

"If you took a tumbler of water and labelled each atom so that you would know it again, then threw it all into the Pacific and went away for a million years (while they got mixed up) how many of the marked atoms would you expect to find?"

"Lots! For there are about two thousand more atoms in a glass of water than there are glasses of water in all the water on the whole of the earth."

That gives an idea of the size of the atom.

"My experiments in 1919 on the mass of the hydrogen atom showed that there is enough energy in a tumbler of water to take the Queen Mary across the Atlantic at top speed."

Dr. Aston claimed that he could compare the weights of different atoms very accurately with a mass spectrograph that he had made. "We know already that atomic energy is almost infinite," he concluded.

PAID TO WED

The Polish Supreme Court has ruled that a man who promised another man about £40 to marry a certain woman need not pay his debt on the grounds that the "impropriety of the contract renders it null."

Mr. A. promised Mr. B. the money if he married Mrs. X, and gave him a bill of exchange payable after the marriage.

When Mr. B. after marrying Mrs. X, presented the bill it was repudiated and the matter was taken into the courts.

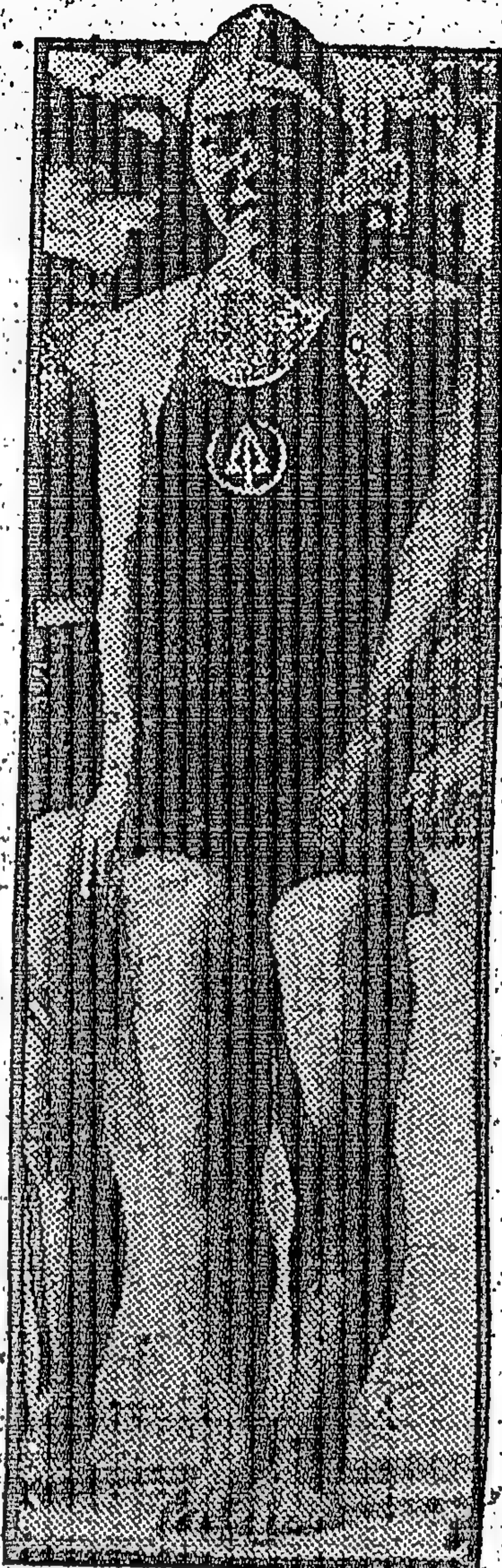
YOUTH CITY SITE

"MAGNIFICENT"

Crystal Palace is a "magnificent" site for the proposed Youth City, but transport is a serious obstacle. These were the conclusions reached by Lord Bessborough, Youth City Chairman, after two "timed trips" there at the week-end.

L.C.C. VETERAN

Mr. John Burns, member of London's first County Council, will be more distant player. A subscriber invited by the L.C.C. to take part went to the telephone yesterday in the jubilee celebrations of the Council in March. Programme in French broadcast by the Council includes opening of an exhibition at the Crystal Palace. Other clubs for the jubilee meeting of the Council on March 21st and a luncheon to follow at the Crystal Palace. The L.C.C. are holding a series of meetings at the Crystal Palace.



She's offered herself as a bride to any Japanese settler in Manchukuo—and there's been such a rush of would-be husbands that she's going to draw lots to find the winner. Bride-to-be is twenty-year-old Miss Kazuyo Kojima, former Olympic swimmer.

INDIANS DEMAND JAPAN

BOYCOTT

A "National Independence" demonstration, organised by the India League (and attended by 2,000 Indians) in Trafalgar-square, urged "progressive" forces in Britain to work for closer links between the peoples of Britain, India and the Colonies. It also demanded the boycott of Japanese goods.

But toys made in Japan are now being shipped abroad without the tell-tale inscription "Made in Japan." Instead they are just stamped "Foreign." Japanese manufacturers hope this dodge will enable them to avoid any boycott effort.

GHOSTLY VOICES JAM

PHONES

Telephone subscribers in Eastleigh, Hants, have recently only had to lift their receivers to overhear conversations between subscribers in the town and those in the more distant places. A subscriber invited by the L.C.C. to take part went to the telephone yesterday in the jubilee celebrations of the Council in March. Programme in French broadcast by the Council includes opening of an exhibition at the Crystal Palace. Other clubs for the jubilee meeting of the Council on March 21st and a luncheon to follow at the Crystal Palace. The L.C.C. are holding a series of meetings at the Crystal Palace.

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DOCTORS' ALARM

Muddle Caused By Many Plans

Since the crisis last September conversations have taken place between the Ministry for the Co-ordination of Defence and the British Medical Association on medical arrangements in case of emergency.

A friend who occupies a senior post at one of Britain's large hospitals has, however, expressed the view that "London is no better off to-day than it was at the time of the crisis."

A series of conversations with those in a position to know has made it only too plain that he stated a fact.

The officials of the British Medical Association were obviously the people likely to be best informed. They were cautious and reticent.

It was impossible for any official to discuss the subject at all without revealing a thoroughly disturbing state of affairs. The only alternative would be complete silence.

The B.M.A. has 47,000 members, and its headquarters in Tavistock-square remind one of a town hall in a large city. More than a year ago its great organisation was set to work to compile a register of all medical men willing to serve in a national emergency.

ELABORATE INDEX

In one room are filed particulars of no fewer than 95 per cent. of its members—90 boxes representing 90 districts, and covering the whole of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

This elaborate card-index tells, among other things, whether a man is a general practitioner, or a specialist. If the latter, details are furnished as to whether he is a surgeon, an oculist, or a radiologist.

The Government has only to say that it needs so many men, of such a type in such a place, and the medical headquarters staff in Tavistock-square is ready to pick these men out, and place them where they are wanted. It is doubtful if such an effort of voluntary organisation for national purposes has ever before been accomplished.

But you may have an army of chefs, ready to produce any kind of meal, yet they can do nothing until they know what kind of meal is wanted. In the last war, doctors were taken away from their practices, and the problem was to provide substitutes to attend their patients.

Under present conditions, things are reversed. The patients will be taken away from the doctors.

Under the evacuation plan at least 1,600,000 children will be scattered in zone 40 or 50 miles outside London.

But will it stop at children? No one knows. The evacuated population might rise to three million. Where are they going? Who is to look after their health? We did not know the answer in September—we do not know it now.

Then there is the question of hospitals, in and out of London. No one yet knows precisely whether the large London hospitals are to be used solely as clearing stations or whether they are to carry on any of their ordinary work.

The members of their staffs often hold dual appointments and are responsible for the specialist work of hospitals almost equally important on the outskirts of London. In the last crisis this led to frantic rivalries, each hospital trying to secure the exclusive services of a particular specialist.

Inevitably, to-day these same rivalries would recur under similar circumstances.

CAUSE OF CHAOS

Why does this chaos persist? The answer is plain. Consultations have been held with the Ministry for the Co-ordination of Defence, the Home Office, the Ministry of Health, the Air Raid Precautions Dept. In addition, the London County Council and every separate London Borough is concerned.

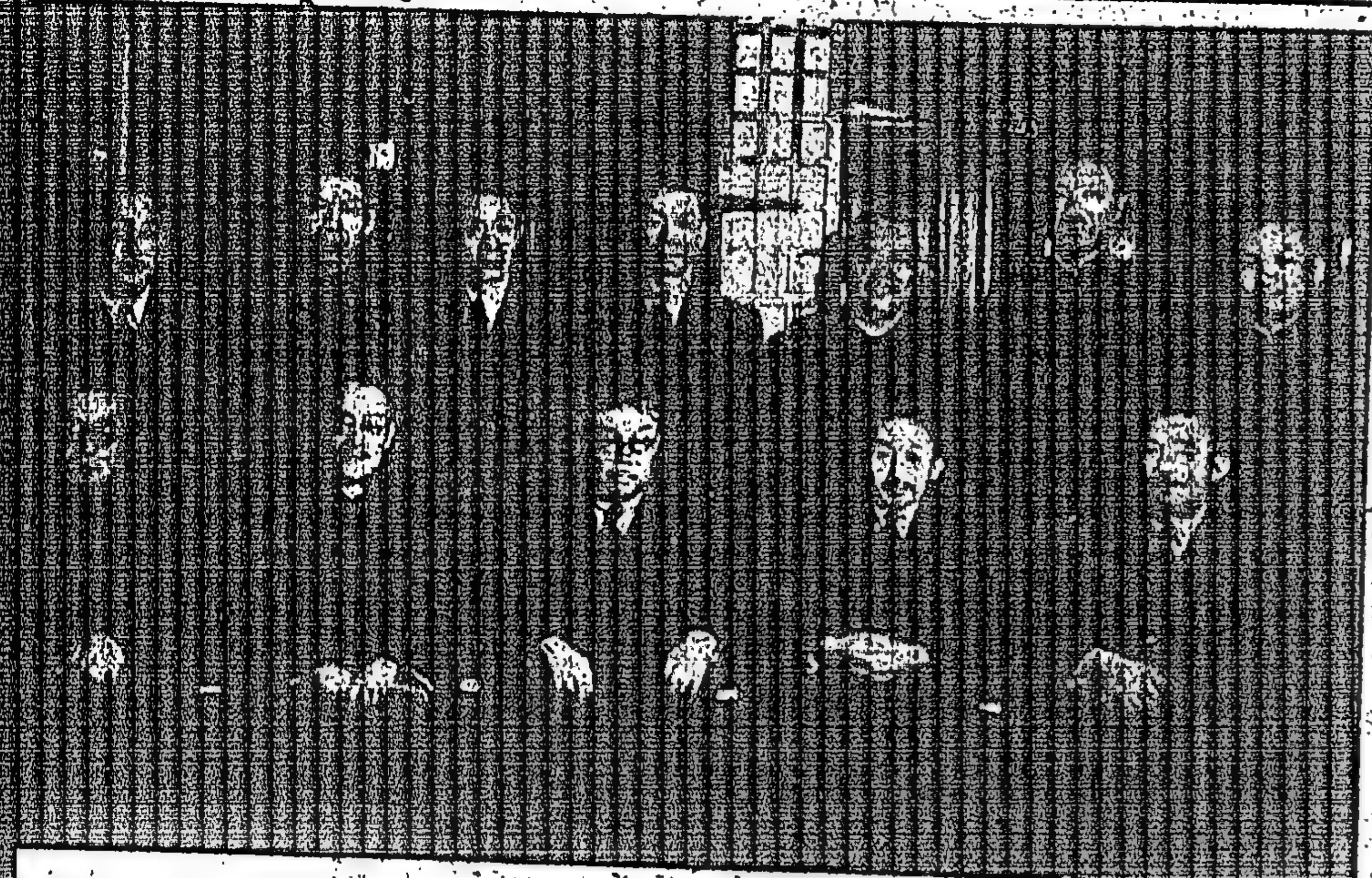
Nor is this the end. Lacking central direction, each branch of the B.M.A. has a scheme of its own—many of them good, but each differing from that of its neighbour across the road. And all on paper. It is decentralisation gone mad.

In case of air bombardment stretcher bearers are supposed to carry wounded to a first-aid post. This is a Home Office job. Are there enough stretcher bearers? There are not, and those that do exist are of very doubtful efficiency.

From the first aid post to the

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Photo taken at a lunch party given by Mr. Chen Pin-ho and Mr. P. K. Chu at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden in honour of Dr. W. W. Yen, formerly Ambassador to Moscow (in the centre). Among others present were (front row) from right to left: Mr. Ling Kong Hou, of the Chinese Bankers Association in Shanghai, Mr. Hsu Shih Ying, formerly Ambassador to Japan, Dr. W. W. Yen, Dr. C. T. Wang, formerly Ambassador to America, and Mr. Mo Hou-yuen. In the back row are Mr. Y. M. Chien, Mr. Tu Yueh Sen, Mr. Wong Shao-lai and Dr. Pan Chin-choa. (Photo by Bann's Studio).

but something approaching the Medical Director General of a service such as the Army or Navy.

On the outbreak of war London would be virtually in a state of siege. It is even now invisibly beleaguered, and peacetime methods, which assume time to be infinite, are dangerous, and may be fatal.

Sir Samuel Hoare, the Home Secretary, told Britain not to be "jitterbugs." Doctors have the "jitters"—not because they fear war and its terrors but because they see no preparations being made to mitigate those terrors, except preparations on paper, which change from day to day.

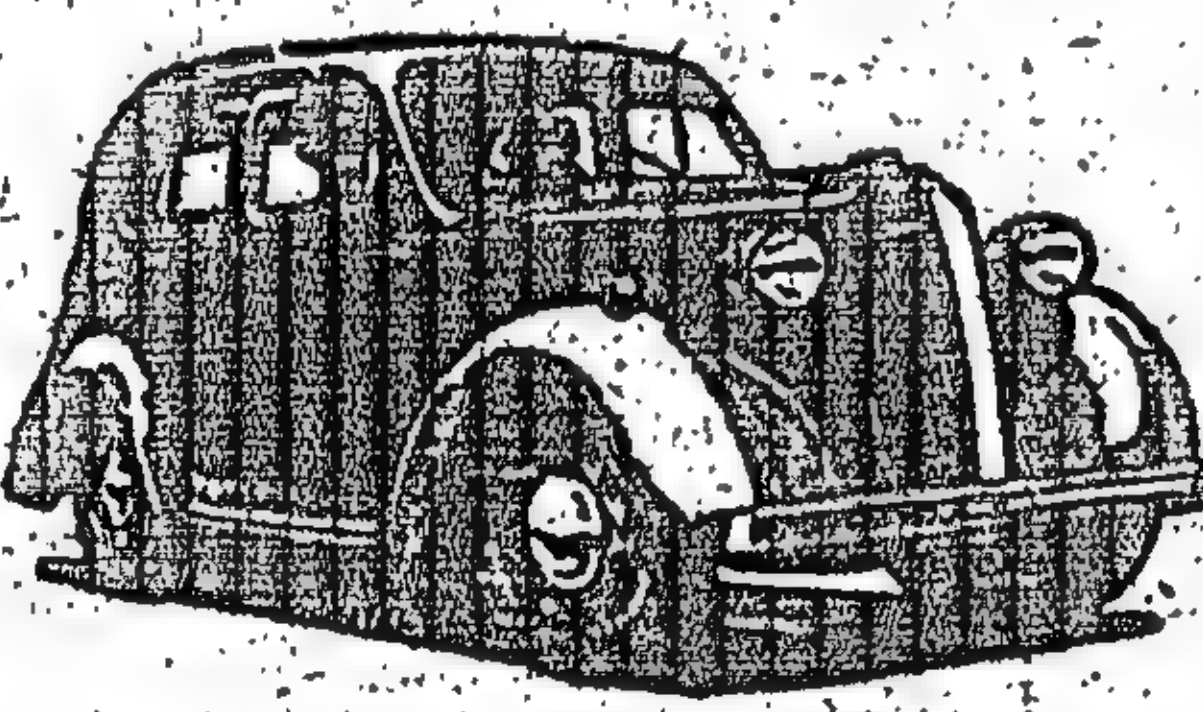
They will rightly continue to have the "jitters" until such time as the evidence of preparedness is visible to all.

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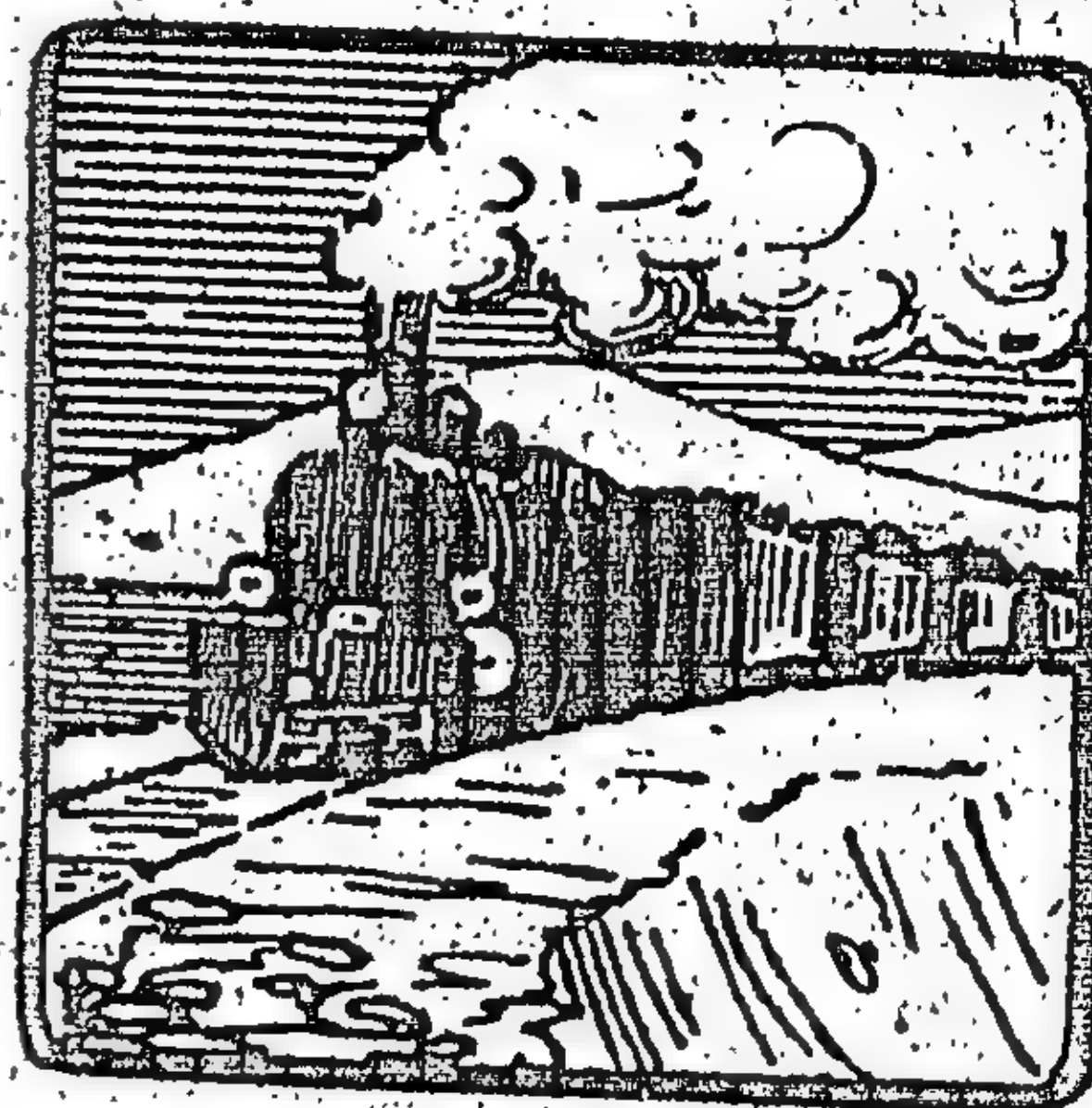


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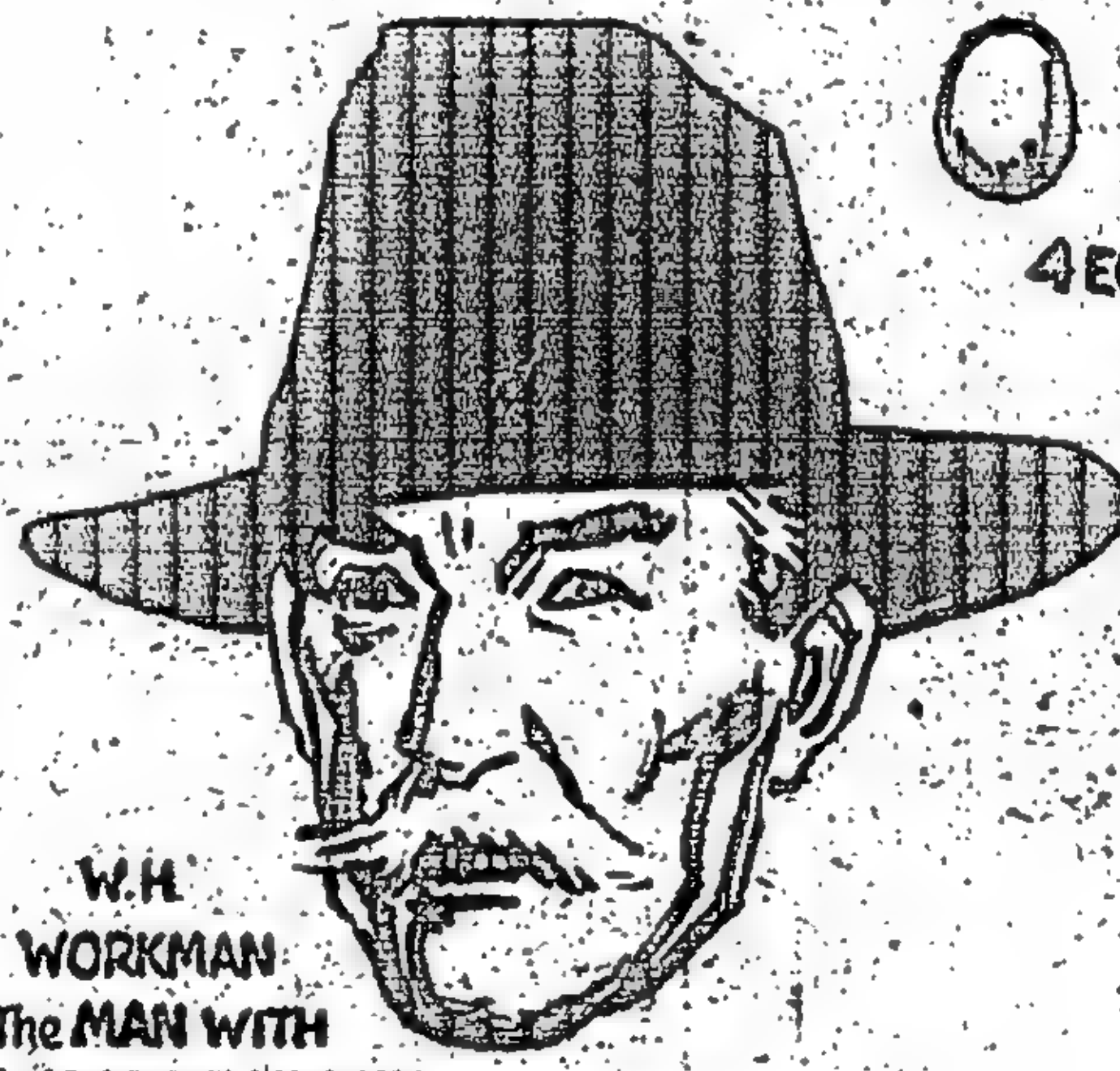
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Riding on a ski train is just about as safe as walking among falling timber.

tions. It can spring from the waist like a ballet skirt or spread smoothly from a point well below the hip-line.

It can be made of silken silk and dispense support, or it needs one hoop and two petticoats to make it swing.

All these wide skirts need petticoats, and if you ever laughed at those Swiss needlework flounces, in the 1900 trousseaux, you won't now.

You'll wear starched white batiste with a broderie Anglaise frill threaded with ribbon to match your dress, and you'll get pretty expert at lifting the hem of your skirt—just enough to let it show.

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If your crinoline is more modest you trail it about with a dust ruffle . . . pleated organdie or net . . . sewn into the hem.

Every trimming trick ends in the wash tub.

Piguet puts scalloped pique revers on his black taffetas ball gown.

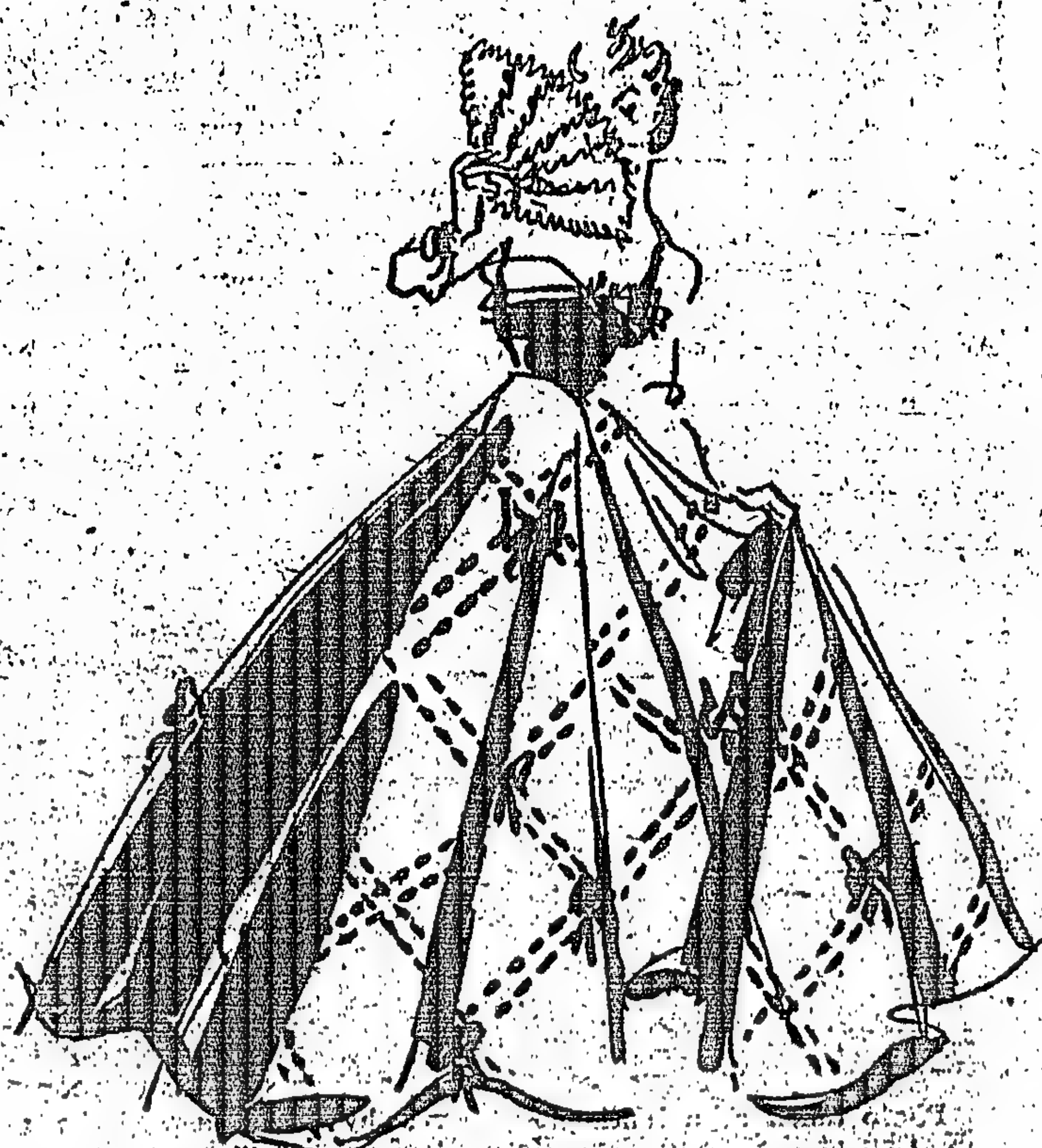
Chanel sews smooth nunnish bands of pure white into the neckline of an ink blue moire. Paray uses a length of muslin for a sash.

For women who can't do with all this bouffant youth, there are slender pleated frocks.

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Heim has a beauty in black with jet-smocked drapery on the bodice. Piguet puts masculine dinner jacket lapels on his sleek bolero dinner gown, and whips off the bolero to show you a halter neckline and an indiscreet back.

If prints are small in the day time, they are giant-size at night.



A white organza gown checked with ribbons threaded through slots.

Larger-than-life lilac trails across one of Piguet's loveliest chiffon frocks . . . and a bunch as big as a wedding bouquet hides all there is of the bodice.

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Aileen Rice strevs Dutch tulip buds over a brown taffetas strapless frock.

Jean Desses has a sentimental print with stiff Victorian posies threaded on blue ribbon.

Piguet uses white organza for his charming "Annabella" gown shown in the sketch. He checks it with ribbons threaded through slots, and tucks a cabbage rose in front of its indecorous berth.

This dress has all the picture frock points . . . wide skirt . . . point-

ed waistline . . . boned bodice . . . petticoats.

Yellow, with a bite of blue in it, is a new colour for the evening. I have seen it in thick corded silk and in fragile lace. Trimmed with black, it looks period. Trimmed with burgundy as modern as tomorrow.

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You wear mittens at night. Or little double pie frill cuffs made of black lace. It is chic to fix your hair with a mantilla made of spot veiling. Everyone is looking for fans.

If you have a garden, make yourself this simple device for burning rubbish. A piece of fine wire netting, all you needs, shaped like a cone, wide at the mouth. Fix a couple of metal stakes in the ground and tie the cone to these with firm wire and with its mouth supper-most. You can burn anything in this in small quantities, and the ashes just fall through to the ground. They are good for the garden, so sprinkle them about on the beds.



Laced slippers for the boudoir use laces instead of shoe strings. The delightful slippers sketched above is simply smothered in a stiffened lace fabric effect. SHIPPA is satin with lined tips. The buckles moose is one of those satin affairs that give such a "mil-lion dollar" look to one's negligee.

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EGGS BRETONNE

Take a small cocotte dish for person, or one large fireproof dish. Butter them well, lay in the bottom half a cooked tomato, break a raw egg on top, season, add a teaspoonful of creamy milk, and dot with butter. Put in the oven to cook about five minutes. When done, serve with a roll of fried bacon on each little dish.

FISH PIE OR SCALLOPS

Take 1/2 lb. of any cooked white fish, hake, cod, etc. Flake it up, removing all bones, mix with about half a pint of light white sauce, well seasoned. And, if possible, a handful of picked shrimps. Pour into a fireproof dish or individual scallop shells, sprinkle with white breadcrumbs, dot with butter, and bake in a quick oven till the top is brown.

KIDNEY STEW

Take equal quantities of sheep and ox kidneys, cut in thin slices, fry for one minute in a little butter. Sprinkle with flour, season, pour on water or stock to barely cover the kidneys, add a drop of Worcester sauce, and, if possible, a dessertspoonful cream. Stew over a low heat, stirring occasionally till kidneys are tender and serve on slices of fried bread or toast.

What The Stars Foretell

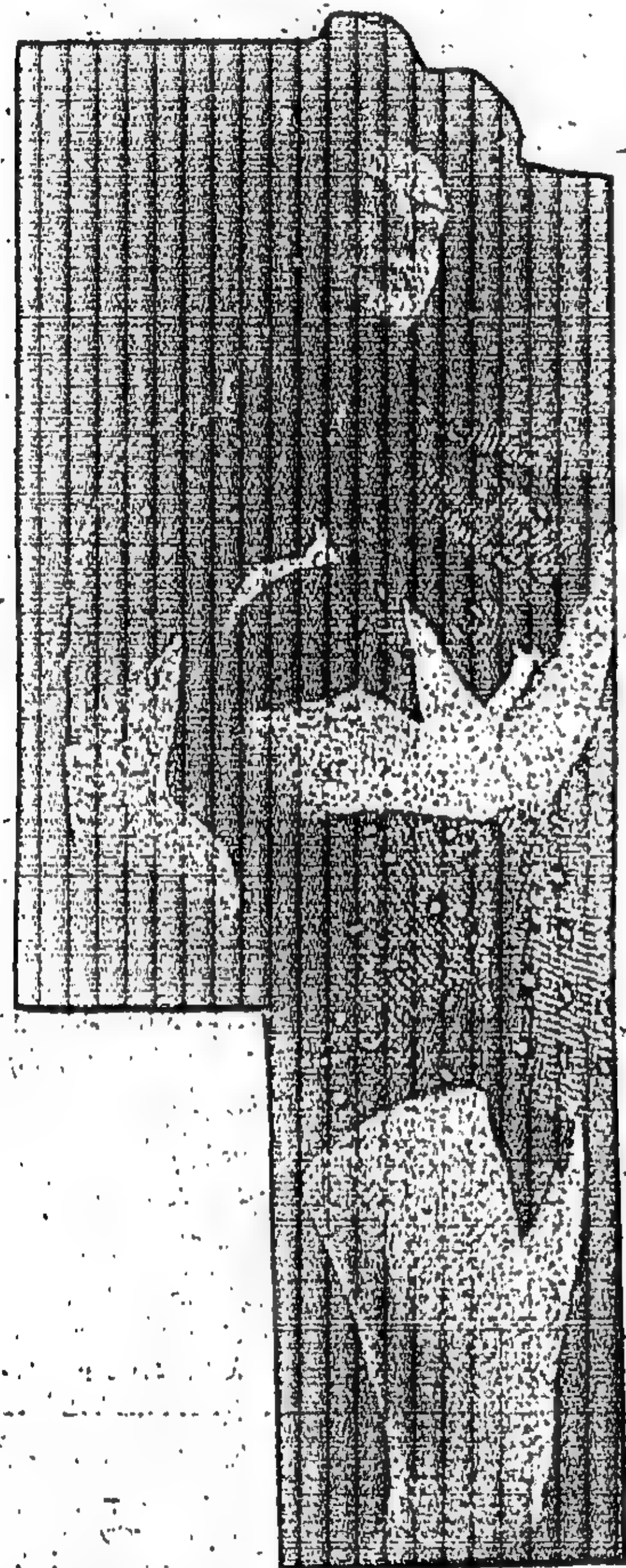
By MARY BLAKE

This is a good day on which to turn over a new leaf, particularly in the matter of allowing personal dislikes to keep your thoughts in a constant turmoil. Favourable signs for nearly every line of business are in evidence, so there ought to be plenty of money in circulation, and some of it is liable to find its way into your purse. It will not pay to take life too seriously be-

cause clouds will lift and sunshine will come into many lives this day. Fignents of the imagination might cause you to take a very distorted view of some relative's or friend's action or remark, so be careful you do not do some one a grave injustice, by getting a wrong conception about something. Married and engaged couples, as well as those who are in love, ought to find merriment a cure-all for many complaints.

If a woman and March 1 is your birthday, your demeanor must receive your careful consideration because your bearing will influence the attitude many people will maintain towards you. You have it in your own power to create a good impression on the average person you contact. You have a right to expect a great deal of good fortune, for Fate appears to have made adequate arrangements to assure you of many opportunities to free yourself from any possible financial worries. Courage is the principal mainstay you need before success crowns your efforts. Be appearing overly critical this day you can give much offence, so exercise the greatest amount of tact in both your social and business intercourse. Through music, singing, entertaining, selling, teaching or work of a literary nature you may find yourself sitting on the topmost rung of the ladder of success. Your matrimonial life appears to depend upon the degree of wisdom you exercise in both the selection of your husband and your management of your home.

The child born on March 1, generally has an unusual capacity for affection, and requires a lot of attention. His youngster might have many dormant talents, which only encouragement and development can make into valuable assets.



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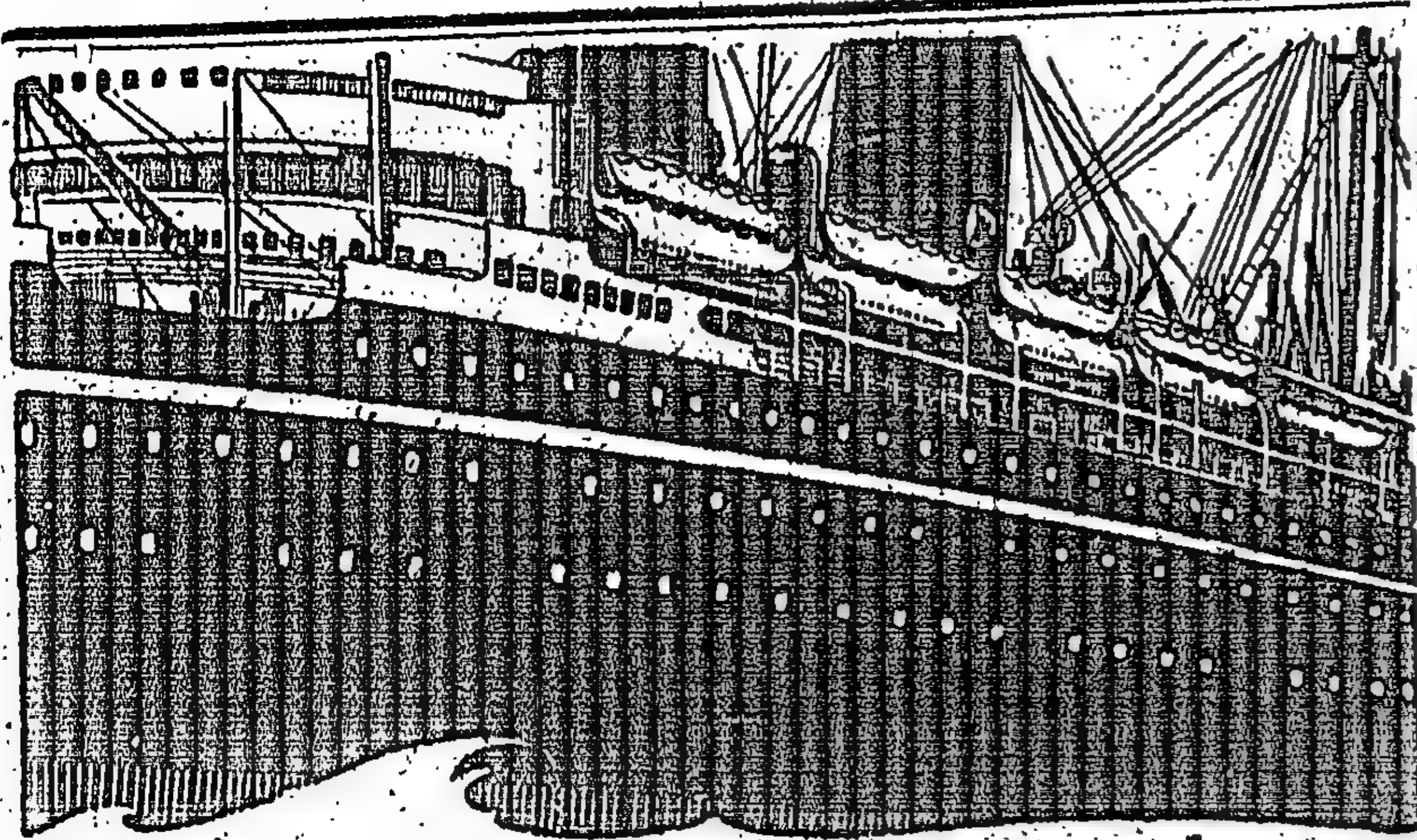


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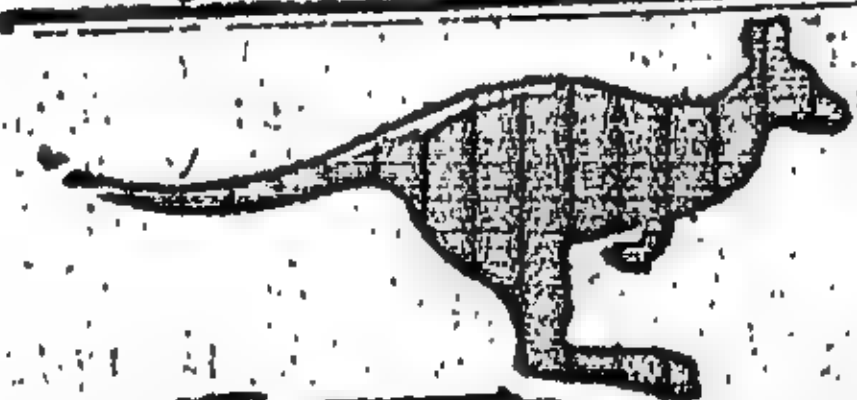
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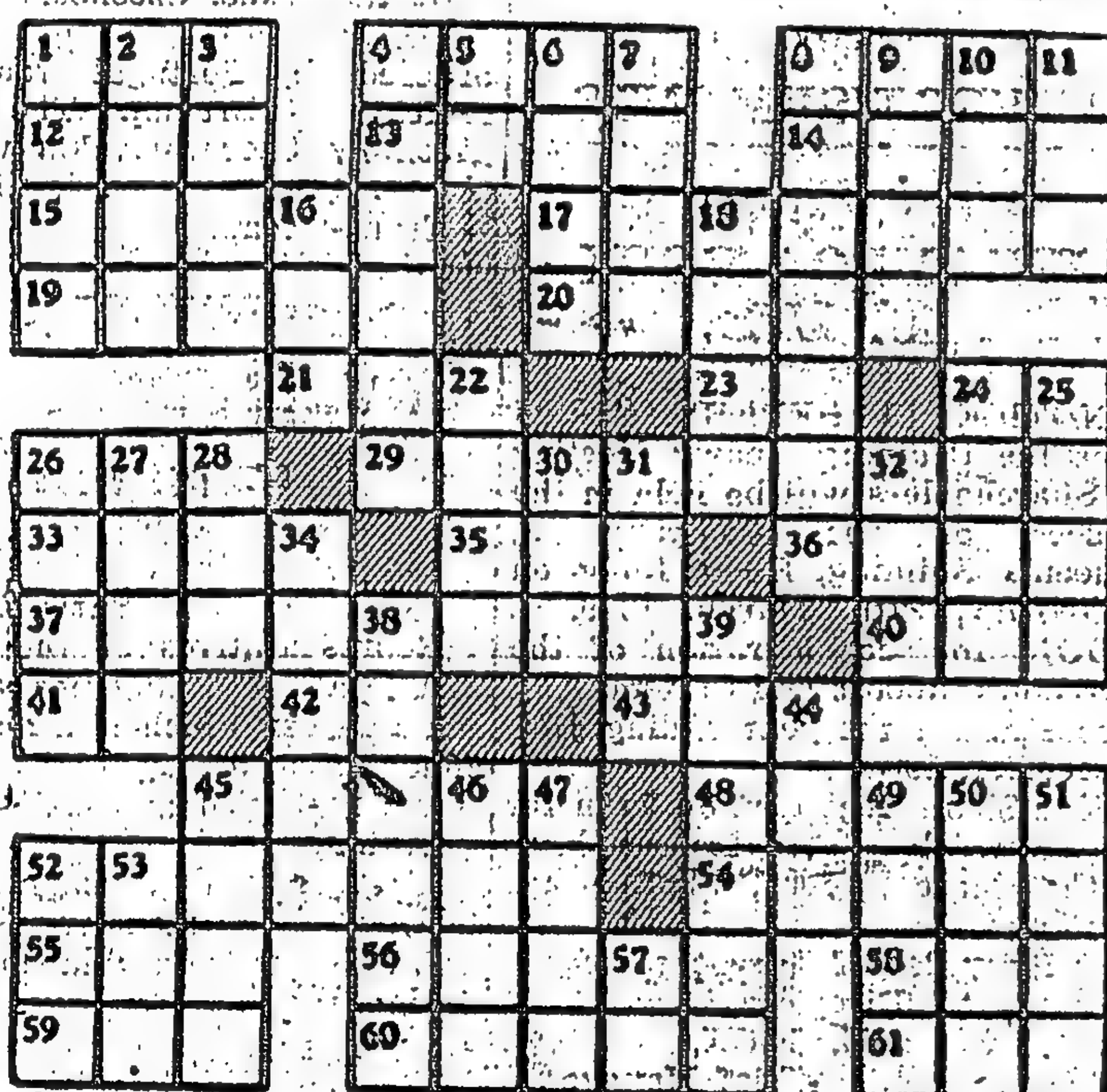
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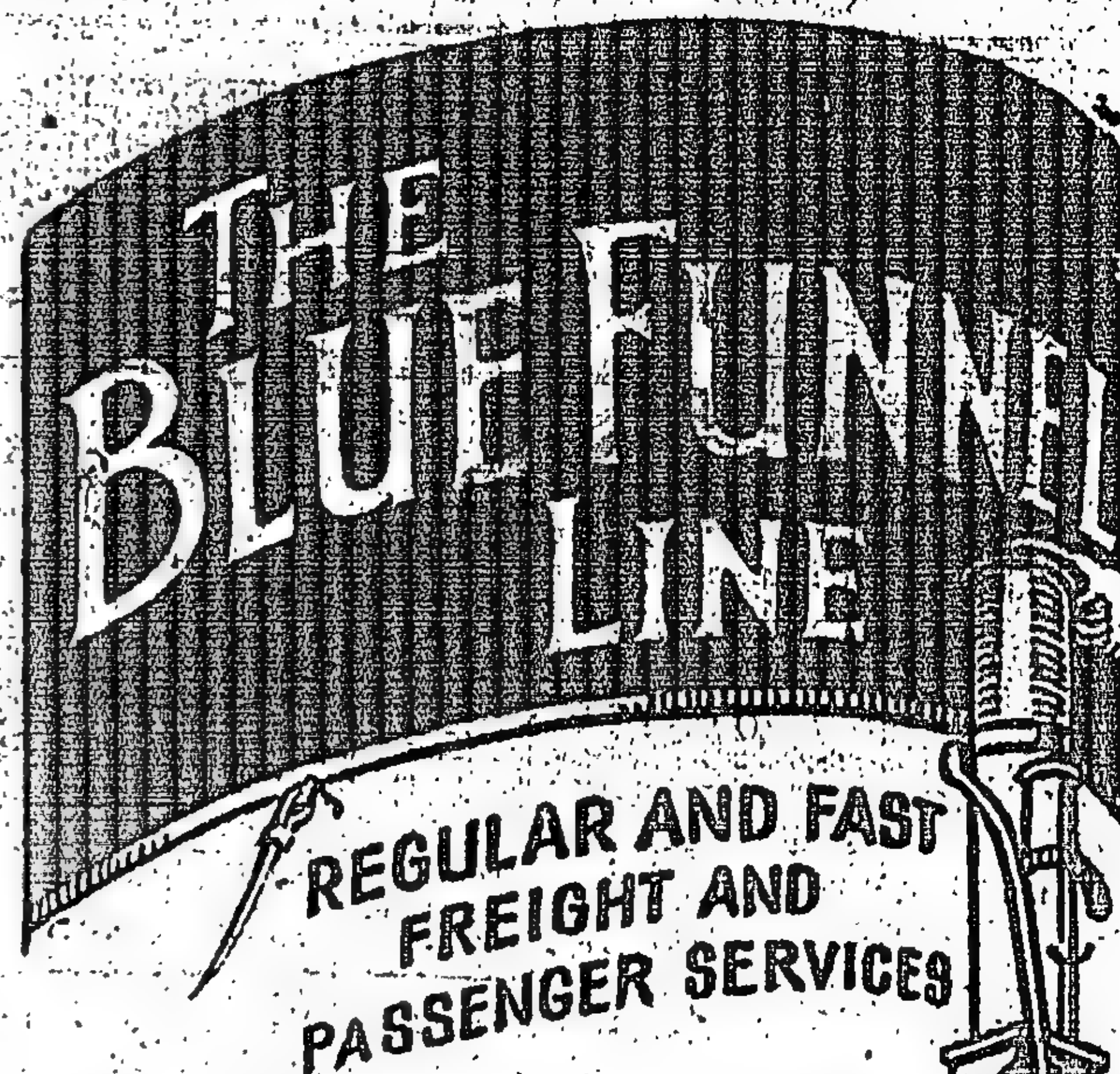
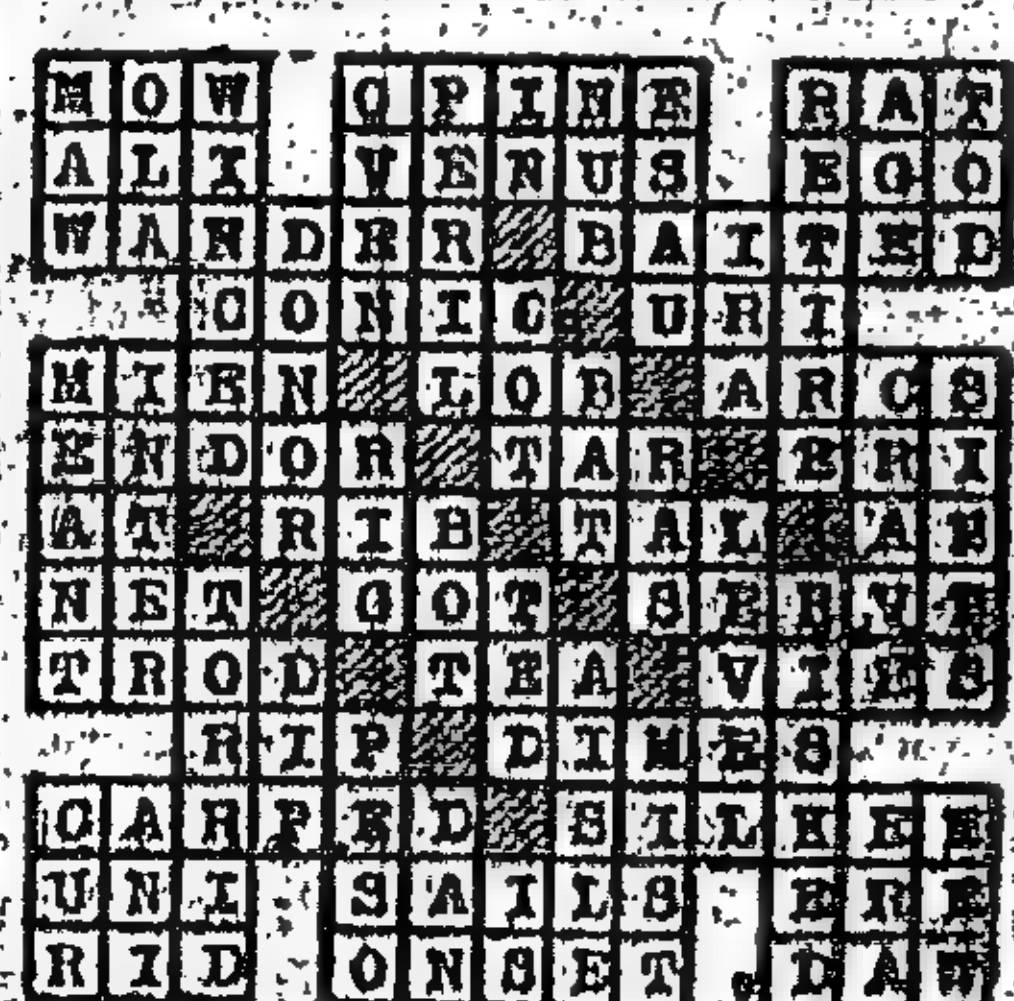
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- 1 Disconsolate
- 4 Memphis doily
- 8 To irritate
- 12 To twist
- 13 Citrus fruit
- 14 Ayo
- 15 To erase
- 17 Private chapel
- 19 Fundamental unit
- 20 Daughter of Lear
- 21 Small dog
- 23 Two
- 24 Whirlwind off Faroe Islands
- 26 Rotating piece
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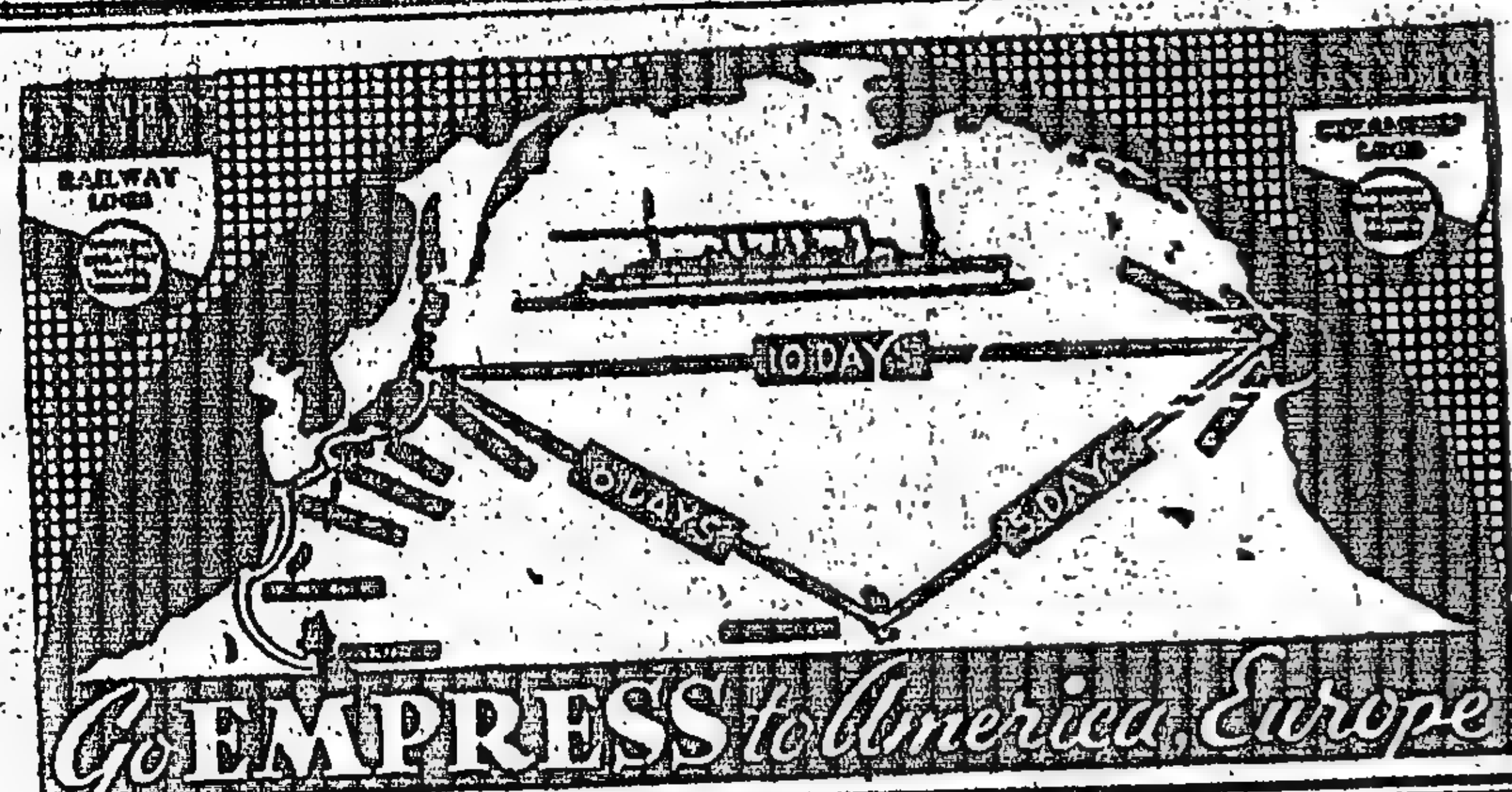
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Hust, To-day.
The plan to bring Carpatho-Ukrainian agricultural workers to German farms has taken concrete form. It is announced that 50 families and 270 youths will depart for Saxony within the next few days.

A further transport of 5,000 Ukrainian farm workers to Germany is being arranged for the middle of March. — Trans-Ocean.

BAKER CAUGHT

A baker on the staff of the Marcal Bakery was this morning charged at Kowloon before Mr. E. Himsworth with stealing four pounds of Purico.

He left the shop with the Purico but was stopped in the street by a constable. He was fined \$10 or one month's imprisonment.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-13/16. "Spot" silver was quoted in London at 20-9/16 and forward at 19-13/16.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.6881 and the New York—London rate at £—U.S.\$4.683/6.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of the Company, 2, Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 27th March, 1939, at NOON for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1938.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from 16th to 27th March, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
E. COCK,

Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 1st March, 1939.

IN FACTORIES LATE AT NIGHT

The manager of the Tack Hing Knitting Company, No. 29-31, Fuk Wing Street, was fined \$30 by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning at Kowloon for allowing 32 women to work at 10.45 p.m. on February 8.

For similar offences, the managers of the Sun Hing and Man Sung Weaving Companies, in Kiu-kiang Street, were fined \$10 and \$20 respectively.

The former had 10 women working at 9.30 p.m. while the latter had 20 women and two young persons at 9.20 p.m. on February 8 when the Inspector, Mr. W. D. Phillips, visited the premises.

CZECHS TO RENEW RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL

Prague, To-day.

The Czechoslovak Foreign Ministry has taken steps for resumption of relations with Portugal, broken off by Portugal, in Autumn, 1937.

At that time, Czechoslovakia refused the delivery of machineguns ordered by Portugal from arms factory at Bruenn. The reason given by Czechoslovakia was that the arms might be resold to Franco. — Trans-Ocean.

LOYALISTS LEAVE TANGIER

Paris, To-day.

Representatives of the Republican Spanish authorities are leaving Tangier which is a neutralized zone under a combined Spanish, French, British and Italian administration.

Most of the Spanish officials boarded the steamer Koutoubia sailing for Casablanca. — Trans-Ocean.

SUICIDE ATTEMPT AT FIFTEEN

Fifteen years old, Fung Shiu Yuen, was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday with injuries received when he jumped from the second floor of No. 377 Queen's Road West, a tea house, apparently with intent to commit suicide.

PAPAL NUNCIO SEES DALADIER

Paris, To-day.

The French Premier, M. Daladier, had a conversation with the Papal Nuncio, Monsignor Valerio Vassini, yesterday. Political circles believe that the developments in Spain and the forthcoming election of the Pope were discussed. — Trans-Ocean.

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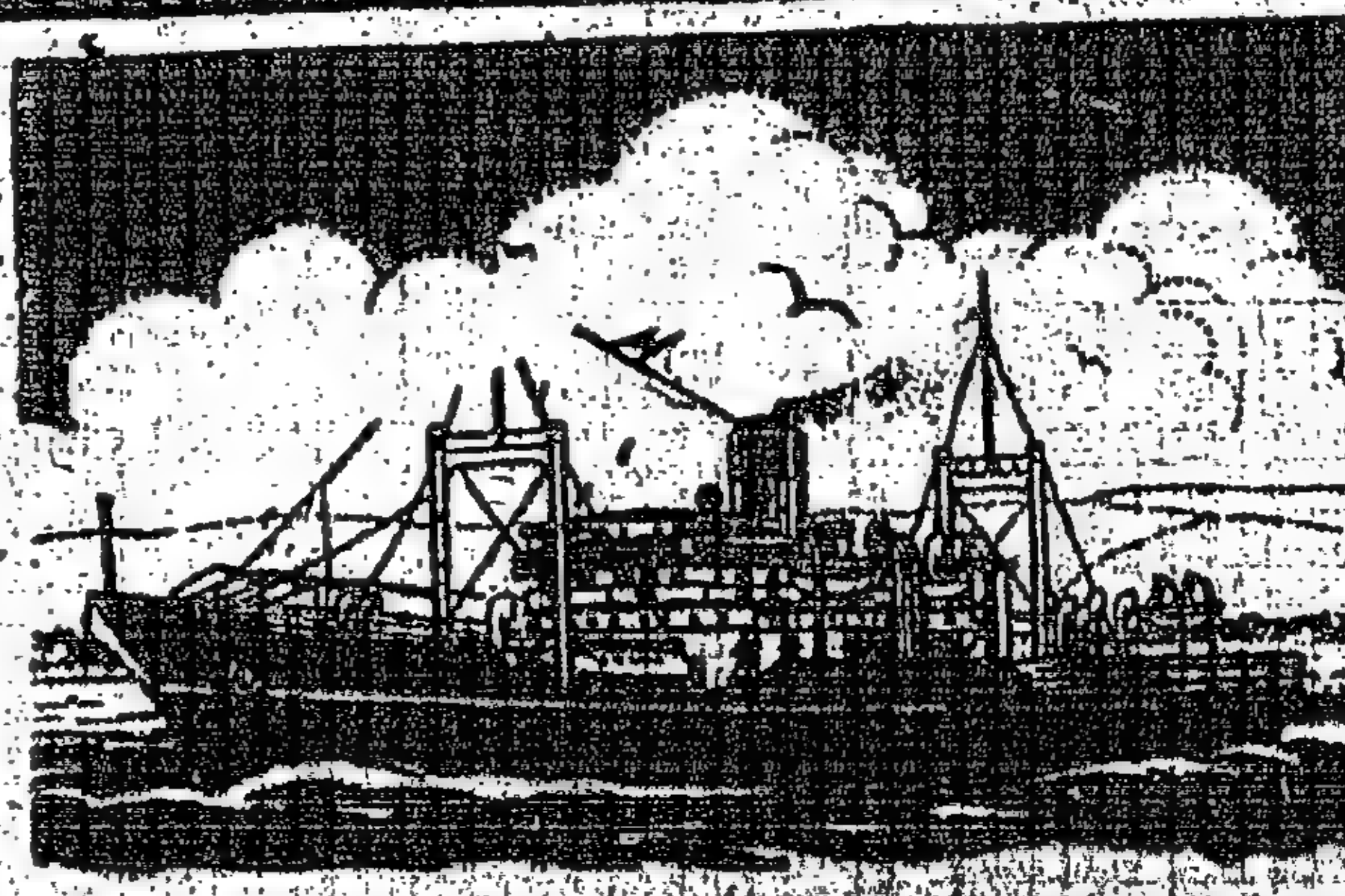
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" 2954 477.20
" 1854 238.60
Unplaced runners (\$50 each), Nos.: 20, 1943, 2121, 442, 2310, 514, 13.

Race 6
No. 4075 \$2254.00
" 253 644.00
" 3952 322.00
Unplaced runners (\$50 each), Nos.: 1823, 3090, 254, 920.

Race 7
No. 926 \$2448.60
" 651 699.60
" 3313 349.80
Unplaced runners (\$50 each), Nos.: 2718, 254, 3722.

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No. 927 \$2328.20
" 2276 665.20
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No. 5057 \$2668.30
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Unplaced runners (\$50 each), Nos.: 3696, 4721, 3824, 2249.

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No. 754 \$2955.40
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Unplaced runners (\$50 each), Nos.: 886, 1843, 701, 1790, 4242, 1893.



Mr. Cire's Navylight (Mr. H. C. Pih up), seen above being led in after its success in the Trial Plate on Saturday, was second to Rose Elect on Monday in a record-shattering Derby.

Rapier's Selections For To-Day

RACE NO. 1
ORANJE BOVEN
TINY TIM
WILD BEAR
Outsider:—Talkative.

RACE NO. 2
LILLIBER
BLUE EXPRESS
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Outsider:—Peaceful View.

RACE NO. 3
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ROB ROY
RED FEATHER
Outsider:—Humdrum Eve.

RACE NO. 4
LANCASHIRE CHIPS
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Outsider:—Electron.

RACE NO. 5
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Outsider:—Plain View.

RACE NO. 6
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DEVONIAN
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Outsider:—Heinz.

RACE NO. 7
CHATTERBOX
NATIONAL HONOUR
GUINNESS TIME
Outsider:—Phoenix.

RACE NO. 8
ROSE ELECT
SILKYLIGHT
DESERT CHIEF
Outsider:—

RACE NO. 9
CELTIC STAR
MILLEAYE
MARKSMAN
Outsider:—Portrush.

RACE NO. 10
EVE OF HARVEST
JENNIFER
BLUE DIAMOND
Outsider:—Forgotten Star.

RACE NO. 11
BISTRE
DOUBLE CHANCE
DEKKO
Outsider:—Coronation Day.

RACE NO. 12
KING'S WARDEN
BEAR CLAW
JUST IN TIME
Outsider:—Honeycomb Eve.
DAILY DOUBLE—CHATTERBOX AND CELTIC STAR.

TIME GUIDE

The following time guide gives all placed ponies, weights, jockeys, won by and time, during the first three days:

CHINA PONIES

Half Mile

0.58.3 (record)—Portrush (Encarnacao, 155); 2, Ring Master (Tao, 158); 3, Kut Cheong (Wei, 152). 2 & neck (A.M. 1).
0.58.4—Strathbannock (Gregory, 161); 2, Radium Star (Marshall, 155); 3, King's Envoy (Needa, 158). 2 & 1/2 (A.M. 1).
0.58.4—Willynilly (Chao, 155); 2, Magog (Needa, 158); 3, Talkative (Tao, 158). 1 1/2 & 1 (A.M. 1).

Half Mile and 170 Yards

1.05.0 (record)—Desert Chief (Encarnacao, 161); 2, King's Warden (Needa, 161); 3, Bear Claw (Wei, 161). 2 1/2 & 1 (A.M. 1).
1.06.2—Conquering Time (Pote-Hunt, 158); 2, Eve of Heaven (Marshall, 161); 3, Avon (Hearne, 161). 2 & 2 (A.M. 2).
1.07.2—Eve of Heaven (Marshall, 161); 2, Galveston Bay (Wei, 161); 3, Peaceful View (Pih, 161). 3 & 2 (A.M. 3).

1.09.4—Marksman (Wong, 158); 2, Guinness Time (Pote-Hunt, 158); 3, Magog (Needa, 158). 1 1/2 & 2 (A.M. 2).

Six Furlongs

1.23.4 (record)—Rose Elect (Encarnacao, 161); 2, Lilliber (Black, 161); 3, Blue Express (Poy, 161). Many & neck (A.M. 1).
1.23.3—Musketeer (Liang, 152); 2, Marksman (Wong, 158); 3, Oranje Boven (Encarnacao, 158). 2 & 3 (A.M. 1).

One Mile

1.55.1—Desert Chief (Encarnacao, 161); 2, King's Warden (Needa, 161); 3, Bear Claw (Black, 161). 3 & 2 (A.M. 2).
1.57.1—Hyndford Bridge (Needa, 158); 2, Jennifer (Black, 161); 3, Galaxy (Chao, 158). 1 1/2 & 1 1/2 (A.M. 2).
1.57.2—New Star (Marshall, 155); 2, Moonlight View (Pih, 144); 3, Humdrum Eve (T. L. Wong, 155). Short head, same (A.M. 3).

2.01.1—Tampa Bay (Black, 168); 2, Scenic View (Pih, 147); 3, King's Lead (Needa, 142). Short head & short head (A.M. 1).

2.01.4—Rose Evelyn (Encarnacao, 165); 2, Bistre (Chanson, 160); 3, Salvage Master (Tao, 165). 4 & 2 (A.M. 2).

2.01.4—Galaxy (Chao, 158); 2, Blue Diamond (Woo, 158); 3, Forgotten Star (Pan, 161). Neck & 1 1/2 (A.M. 3).

2.04.4—This Time (Pote-Hunt, 158); 2, Tiny Tim (Proulx, 152); 3, Wild Bear (Pih, 152). 2 & 1 (A.M. 3).

2.06.1—Marksman (T. L. Wong, 165); 2, Portrush (Encarnacao, 162); 3, Chatterbox (Tao, 166). 5 & neck (A.M. 3).

1 Mile 171 Yards

2.13.0—Celtic Star (Wong, 158); 2, Musketeer (Liang, 152); 3, Cyclone (Chao, 161). Short head & 2 (A.M. 2).

2.17.2—Salvage Master (Tao, 165); 2, Double Chance (Needa, 163); 3, Dekko (Hearne, 166). 2 & same (A.M. 3).

1 1/4 Miles

2.26.1—Navylight (Pih, 161); 2, Eve of Harvest (Marshall, 158); 3, Conquering Time (Pote-Hunt, 158). Many & 3 (A.M. 1).

2.28.0—Wild Life (Wei, 145); 2, Rob Roy (Encarnacao, 152); 3, New Star (Marshall, 152). 1/2 & 1 (A.M. 2).

2.30.2—Hyndford Bridge (Needa, 163); 2, Conquering Time (Pote-Hunt, 163). 1/2 length (A.M. 3).

2.32.3—Silkylight (Pote-Hunt, 163); 2, King's Warden (Needa, 161); 3, Wild Life (Black, 163). 3 & 3 (A.M. 3).

2.38.4—Celtic Star (T. L. Wong, 158); 2, Oranje Boven (Encarnacao, 158); 3, National Honour (Chanson, 158). 2 & many (A.M. 3).

1 1/2 Miles

2.55.4 (record)—Rose Elect (Encarnacao, 161); 2, Navylight (Pih, 161); 3, Eve of Harvest (Marshall, 158). Many & many (A.M. 2).

3.04.1—Silkylight (Pote-Hunt, 161); 2, Moonlight View (Wong, 161); 3, Red Feather (Wei, 161). 3 & 3 (A.M. 1).
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JOCKEYS AND OWNERS

The following is the complete record of jockeys and owners for the first three days at the Annual Race Meeting, which commenced last Saturday:

JOCKEYS	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Unpl.
C. Encarnacao	6	4	1	8
J. Pote-Hunt	6	2	1	10
V. V. Needa	4	6	5	11
T. L. Wong	4	2	1	13
B. L. Tao	3	3	4	11
H. C. Pih	2	4	2	15
F. Marshall	2	3	4	8
B. A. Proulx	2	1	1	8
L. B. Chao	2	0	2	15
D. Black	1	3	2	13
P. Y. T. Wei	1	2	3	15
S. C. Liang	1	1	0	10
C. L. Gregory	1	0	1	10
W. G. Poy	1	0	1	13
H. J. A. Hearne	0	2	3	19
H. P. Chanson	0	1	1	7
W. H. S. Davis	0	1	0	1
T. Y. W.	0	1	0	11
S. W. P.	0	0	2	10
G. W. Sewell	0	0	0	1
A. W. Raymond	0	0	0	1
L. P. Ralph	0	0	0	2
Y. K. Wouh	0	0	0	2
C. F. Chiu	0	0	0	2
G. Trevorton	0	0	0	3
Y. T. Fung	0	0	0	3
F. F. Li	0	0	0	4
Yeung Wing-kwai	0	0	0	4
Ho Hong-ping	0	0	0	4
R. M. Wood	0	0	0	4
Ip Kul-ying	0	0	0	5
S. W. Tang	0	0	0	6
K. I. Ip	0	0	0	8
S. L. Yuen	0	0	0	8
P. L. Chiu	0	0	0	10
C. F. H. Churchill	0	0	0	13

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OWNERS

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.
Eu Tong Sen	6	2	1
Cire	5	1	0
L. Dunbar	2	1	1
Li Po-chun	2	1	1
Anharri	2	1	0
S. L. K.	2	0	2
Mrs. Pearce	2	0	0
Lucky	2	0	0
Lan	1	4	2
Eve	1	2	1
Mrs. J. H. Taggart	1	2	0
John Peel	1	1	1
Chau Bros.	1	1	1
Wong Siu Ngau	1	1	1
Dr. S. N. Chau	1	1	0
Henry	1	1	0
Kong Bros.	1	0	2
J. F. Macgregor	1	0	1
G. Tinson	1	0	1
L. B.	1	0	1
J. Lo	1	0	0
Dynasty	0	3	3
Mrs. Dunbar	0	1	3
Lady Northcote	0	1	1
Mrs. B. Hall	0	1	1
Hollandia	0	1	1
Li and Edgar	0	1	0
Marber	0	1	0
Commodity	0	1	0
C. N. K.	0	1	0
Seth	0	1	0
C. B. Brown	0	1	0
H. Leigh	0	1	0
Why	0	1	0
Hung	0	1	0
Oliver	0	1	0
Yeung Bros.	0	0	1
Mrs. Seth	0	0	1
C. H.	0	0	1
Li Bros.	0	0	1
V. M. Grayburn	0	0	1
Jolly Company	0	0	1
Fatsan	0	0	1
Manetta	0	0	2

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There were only two starters in two races.

UNIVERSITY CREWS FOR CANNES

Cannes (By Air Mail).—Following the precedent established last year, the Oxford and Cambridge boat crews will be the guests of Cannes again this season. They are expected on April 6, and competitions with picked French rowing teams are to take place in the Bay of Cannes on the 10th, 11th, and 12th.

Time Guide

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1 1/2 Miles
3.40.3—Silkylight (Pote-Hunt, 161); 2, Red Feather (Wei, 161). Many 2 starters only. (A.M. 2).

AUSTRALIAN PONIES

Six Furlongs
1.18.3—Vixen Tor (Proulx, 152); 2, Griffel (Needa, 155); 3, Strathcarrick (Gregory, 145). 3 & head. (A.M. 3).

1.19.1—Cockleroi (Needa, 152); 2, Devonian (Hearne, 155); 3, Triumphant Day (Tao, 150). Neck & 2. (A.M. 1).

1.22.0—Victory Day (Tao, 156); 2, Rivulet (Pih, 152); 3, Rising Star (Marshall, 152). Short head & 2. (A.M. 1).

Half Mile 170 Yards
1.03.0—Sydney Lad (Proulx, 155); 2, Victory Day (Tao, 162); 3, Rising Star (Marshall, 152). 1/2 & 2. (A.M. 3).

One Mile
1.46.3—Blandford (Poy, 147); 2, Snowy River (Hearne, 148); 3, Vixen Tor (Proulx, 149). Neck & 1/2. (A.M. 1).

1.49.2—Rivulet (Pih, 152); 2, Laffat That (Happy Landings) (Davis, 152); 3, Devonian (Hearne, 155). 1 1/2 & 1 1/2. (A.M. 2).

1.50.1—Candlelight (Pote-Hunt, 152); 2, Triumphant Day (Tao, 155); 3, King's Herald (Needa, 152). Many & 3. (A.M. 2).

1 1/2 Miles
2.14.3—Lucky Lad (Needa, 154); 2, Lancashire Chips (Black, 154); 3, Able Amazon (S. W. Pan, 154). Neck & 3. (A.M. 2).

1 1/2 Miles
2.49.0—Triumphant Day (Tao, 156); 2, Chiltern (Encarnacao, 155); 3, Cockleroi (Needa, 152). 3 & a head. (A.M. 3).

A.M. 1 stands for first day of Annual Meeting, A.M. 2 for second day and A.M. 3 for third day.

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT

A.E.E.W.—Publication of your letter would only create unnecessary controversy. Sports Editor.

C.B.A. LADIES LOSE BRAUN CUP CLASH TO SAINTS

A very uninteresting Braun Cup hockey match was witnessed at King's Park yesterday when St. Andrew's Ladies beat Central British Association Ladies by an only goal scored by S. Roberts.

C. B. A. Ladies were unfortunately unable to field a full complement and had only eight players on view and were consequently on the defensive for the majority of the game.

Miss J. Broadbridge was the only outstanding player on view and gave a fine display of spoiling, frustrating the many solo attempts of C.B.A. forwards.

GALENTO-LOUIS FOR TITLE

Tony Galento is to meet Joe Louis in a bout for the world's heavyweight championship in June. The actual date has not yet been fixed.

SAPPERS WIN ARMY RUGBY SEVEN-A-SIDE

The final of the Army seven-a-side Rugby tournament was held at Sookunpoo yesterday and resulted in a win for the Royal Engineers over R.A.O.C., by a goal, a dropped goal and a try (12 points), to a try (3 points). The winners led 8-0 at the interval.

Land broke through to score between the posts about eight minutes after the start of the game, while the kick was taken by him. Pike increased the lead shortly after, but Land failed to add the extra points.

The Royal Engineers continued to attack after the interval, and further points were added when Lewis dropped a goal from a difficult angle. Lang scored for the losers a minute before time, Boustead failing with the kick.

After the match a silver cup and medals were presented to the winners by Colonel Simpson of the R.A.M.C.

R.A.O.C.:—Cpl. Emberson; Lt. Belton, Sergt. Lang, Pte. Leach; Sergt. Heaton, Lt. MacPherson, L/Cpl. Boustead.

Royal Engineers:—Sergt. Land; Cpl. Lewis, L/Cpl. Waite, Sapper Jones; Sapper Apperley, Cpl. Brinkley, Sapper Pike.

Results of the earlier matches were: Royal Engineers beat Middlesex "A", 13-3.

R. Scots "A" beat 8th Heavy Battery, R.A. "B", 8-3.

5th A.A. Regt. R.A. "A" beat 8th Heavy Battery R.A. "A", 6-3.

R.A.O.C. beat 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. "B", 18-0.

Middlesex "B" beat Royal Scots "B", 4-0.

Royal Engineers beat Royal Scots "A", 6-5.

R.A.O.C. beat 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. "A", 10-3.

Royal Engineers beat Middlesex "B", 5-0.

Chip Shot Technique

By BEST BALL

One of the greatest temptations in golf is to raise the head to see where those short chip shots are going. This is all right after the ball has been dispatched on its way but it is a certain way of inviting trouble, when the head is lifted at about the time of impact. Ralph Guldahl illustrates how well he keeps his head in the second panel above. He is looking squarely at the place where the ball rested before he brought the

GRAPHIC GOLF



blade of his club down upon it.

A close scrutiny will reveal the ball already in the air but it is not until the clubhead has made a greater portion of its follow through that Guldahl lets his head turn to see where the ball is travelling to. Another strong tendency is the inclination of the player to try to scoop the ball into the air. Oftentimes the player attempts this by raising and lowering his body during the stroke. It is essential that the body remain in a constant position in relation to the ball and Guldahl exemplifies such play here. At address his knees are slightly bent, his body is in a comfortable position, the clubhead aligned behind the ball in its natural lofted state.

Using the hands mainly, supplemented with enough body motion

to keep the stroke relaxed, Guldahl hits the ball a sharp, downward blow. The club face left takes care of raising the ball while the backspin, added by hitting sharply downward, will bring it to a quick stop when it lands. As in the longer shots Guldahl allows his body to turn with the stroke.

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HUGHES THINKS WIMBLEDON "WILL SUFFER"

Australians And Budge Will Be Missed

Melbourne, (By Air Mail).
G.P. Hughes, the British Davis Cup player, has suggested that the two leading Australian players who miss election for the Davis Cup team this year, should be sent to compete at Wimbledon.

The idea was put forward in a letter to Harry Hopman, the Australian Davis cup team manager, and published in the "Melbourne Herald."

Hughes added that Wimbledon with no Budge and no Australians, would probably suffer badly this year.

Incidentally, John Bromwich, who has been chosen to play in the Davis Cup, is naturally disappointed at the decision not to allow the team to play at Wimbledon. Victory in the Davis Cup might mean that he would be unable to play there for some time.



ARMY BOXING TITLES

The Semi-finals of the Hong Kong Army Area Boxing Championships were held at Nanking Barracks, Shamshui, last night and resulted as follows:

FEATHERWEIGHT:
L/Cpl. Brown (R.S.) beat Pte. Goldburn (R.A.M.C.) on points.
Bds. Edge (R.S.) beat Pte. Dormer (Middlesex) on a foul.

LIGHTWEIGHT:
Pte. Bickerly (R.A.M.C.) beat Pte. Stewart (R.S.) on points.
L/C. Morley (R.S.) beat Pte. Dry (Middlesex) on a T.K.O.

WELTERWEIGHT:
Pte. Manson (R.S.) beat Pte. Allan (R.S.) on points.
Pte. Callaghan (R.S.) beat Pte. Canavan (R.S.) on points.

MIDDLEWEIGHT:
Pte. Jacobs (R.A.M.C.) beat Pte. Emery (Middlesex) on points.
Pte. Moore (R.S.) beat Gnr. Campbell (5th A.A.) on a k.o.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT:
Pte. Fawcett (Middlesex) beat Gnr. Pearson on points.
Spr. Birrell (R.E.) beat Pte. McDougall (R.S.) on points.

16 Three Weeks Ago, Plays In League

(By AIR MAIL)

JAMES MULLEN, who celebrated his sixteenth birthday a fortnight ago, played at outside right for Wolverhampton Wanderers in the League match against Leeds United at Molineux on February 18.

Mullen, considered another discovery by Major Frank Buckley, Wolves' manager, gets his chance through an injury to Burton. This was, of course, his first appearance in the league.

Mullen has given some dashing displays at outside left in Wolves' Central League matches; while at outside right another 16-year-old lad, Stein, has made the position his own. Mullen has two good feet, and has proved in trial games that he can play on either wing.

A schoolboy international Mullen stand 5ft. 9½ ins., and weighs 11st. He joined Wolves two years ago straight from a Newcastle-on-Tyne school. By the rules of the F.A. he cannot become a professional until he is 17.

Few footballers figure in league matches at so early an age, though Bastin (now Arsenal) and Lawton (now Everton) played for Exeter City and Burnley respectively when 16. Ronald Dix (now Derby) appeared for Bristol Rovers in league games when 15.

N.B.A. Boxing Ranking Process Is At Present Unworkable UNEQUAL MATCHES FOR TITLE BOUTS

(By AIR MAIL)

Although the "ladder" plan, proposed by the National Boxing Association is, in its present form, unworkable, some scheme of the kind is necessary. It is needed to prevent unfair and uneven matches being made and also to bring to the notice of the general public, and incidentally others, boxers straining at the leash for publicity.

Probably ranking lists in groups such as are compiled and published by various authorities in the United States would provide the best solution.

It would not be difficult to make, say, three groups at each weight, of first, second, and third class boxers. Each might contain the names of from six to twenty boxers, for there would be fewer in the first-class than in the lower divisions. When these three national groups had been selected similar groups might be compiled for the various areas.

OF SAME GROUP
Only boxers from the first group should be allowed to meet the champion of their weight, and contests should be allowed between the best three or four men in a lower group and the last three or four in the group above them.

Apart from this, contests should be limited to those between boxers of the same or a similar group. The groups should be reconsidered every three or four months. This scheme would prevent matches which are obviously unfair and in which a boxer is merely put up to be knocked about by a man far out of his class and with no chance of winning. In the past too many such so-called contests have been presented.

A ROUGH EXAMPLE
To give a rough example. Let us take the British and Irish heavyweights at the present. Harvey is the cham-

pion. Farr, Phillips, London, G. James, Wilde, Doyle and Con O'Kelly might be placed in the first group and the second might include Bill Wainwright, Dom Lydon, Len Rowlands, Harry Lister, Eddie Steele, Abrew, Tommy Martin, T. Reddington, C. Bundy, Alec Bell, A. Robinson, J. Robinson, J. Smith, B. Cook, and J. Rice. McCorkindale is trying to make a return to the ring, and O'Kelly may have retired again, but roughly these groups include all our better known heavyweights, although one or two may be omitted.

Delaney and Gains, of Empire heavyweights in this country, would rank in the first group. The use of groups on these lines at the different weights would prevent such contests as that a short time ago between Delaney and Arpino. They would also give the metropolitan public some knowledge of the class of provincial boxers such as London, James, the heavyweights, Ronnie James, the Welsh lightweight, and many others.

LOUIS AND DEMPSEY
Joe Louis beat John H. Lewis so quickly that no opportunity was given of estimating present form. It looks as though Louis were like his great predecessor, Jack Dempsey, in either knocking out opponents in the first round or two or having to go the whole distance. It is reported that Roper is to be matched with Louis, but this is probably untrue.

Roper is about thirty-five and is rated twenty-second—below Farr, Harvey, Phillips, and Gains, according to "The Ring," an American boxing journal. The attempt which is apparently being made to build up the enormously fleshy Galento into a contender for the world title will probably fail, but Farr has little chance of another championship contest, and is returning to England. It is useless to speculate on what he will do.

CORINTHIAN CONTEST
The forthcoming contest between Boon and Danahar for the lightweight championship is, however, arousing the keenest interest. Danahar is the favorite of what may be called the Corinthian element, and there will be heavier wagering on this contest than on any since the War. The majority of professional boxers will probably choose Boon, and his amazingly quick and hard hitting may bring him the victory unless Danahar has improved his defense. Danahar can punch hard, but he is not a natural hitter like Boon. (Boon won on a T.K.O. decision in the 14th round.)

It is to be hoped that the negotia-

Week-End's Soccer Programme

SATURDAY, 4TH MARCH, 1939

First Division

S. China "A" v. Kwong Wah

(Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.)

Referee:—Omar

Linesmen:—Benham and Wyper

Kowloon v. Eastern

(Kowloon, 4.30 p.m.)

Referee:—Ip

Linesmen:—Somerville and Smith

S. China "B" v. St. Joseph's

(Caroline Hill, 8.00 p.m.)

Referee:—Goss

Linesmen:—Furnell and Dove

Second Division

R.A.O.C. v. Kwong Wah

(Military, 4.30 p.m.)

Referee:—Hinchliffe

Kowloon v. South China

(Kowloon, 3 p.m.)

Referee:—Clarke

Middlesex v. 5th R.A.

(Sookunpoo, 3 p.m.)

Referee:—Kossick

Eastern v. St. Joseph's

(St. Joseph's, 4.30 p.m.)

Referee:—Adam

Royal Scots v. Engineers

(Military, 3 p.m.)

Referee:—Glover

Police v. Club

(Boundary Road, 3 p.m.)

Referee:—Ford

SUNDAY, 5TH MARCH, 1939

Governor's Cup (Second Match)

H.K.C.A.F. v. H.K.T.A.

(Caroline Hill, 3.45 p.m.)

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SPLENDID

Generally speaking, last Saturday's League cricket matches found bowlers holding the upper hand. Only two teams really got on top whilst batting. They were Kowloon Cricket Club, with whom I dealt in Monday's issues, and Navy, who took 162 for 9 off the Army attack.

At Happy Valley, Civil Service, without the services of J. E. Richardson, were all out for 56 against I.R.C. but even then were not as badly beaten as one would have expected.

Indeed, had a catch put up by A. H. Madar (14) been held, there is no knowing what may have happened.

Civil Service batsmen failed miserably and only John Barrow was able to stay in for any length of time.

Nazarin and Minu opened the I. R. C. attack and both, in their own different ways, were in remarkably fine form. Nazarin, with the new ball, was swinging at least a couple of feet, whilst Minu, who many, myself included, thought was deteriorating, never bowled better than he did on this occasion. He turned the ball a lot, pitching on the leg stump and going across.

When anybody proved enterprising enough to get down the pitch to him, he cleverly dropped them shorter. In effect he was well high unplayable and his analysis (15-4-25-6) just about sums up his form.

Madar, who has been described to me as the finest change bowler in the Colony, took two cheap wickets, as did Nazarin.

Baker Bowls Well

Set to score 56, I. R. C. did not have it all their own way. F. Baker, although not quite recovered from his injury, bowled very well indeed. He was much slower than usual but this appeared rather to increase his effectiveness than otherwise.

I. R. C. lost their first five wickets cheaply and there seemed every prospect of a tight finish but Madar held out, with M. el Arculli and the runs were knocked off. Apart from A. R. Minu, who may or may not have come off, there was very little in the way of batting left and had either Arculli or Madar been dismissed, Civil Service might well have brought off one of the most sensational victories of the season.

It is quite remarkable the difference one ship makes to Navy. On Saturday Birmingham was in port and with it, Marine Moores and Lt. Manners and Navy won easily by 70 runs.

On this occasion Manners did not come off with the bat but Lt. Walters, Chapman and of course Whitmarsh all batted well to enable a Navy declaration at 162 for 9.

Scragg's Swingers

When Army batted, Paxton, who has been one of the outstanding bowlers of the season, did not open. He made way for Scragg and Moores. The former was in splendid form. He swung the ball viciously and Logan, first in for Army, had a sorry time of it and did everything but get out in the first 10 minutes of the innings. Actually Logan was in for only three overs and was most fortunate to make 28.

Thereafter, Man managed 13 and Whatman 12 but Scragg, Moores and Paxton proved too deadly a com-

H. MARTINEAU'S CRICKET TEAM FOR EGYPT

Cairo (By Air Mail).—The following players will form the cricket team which Mr. H. M. Martineau is taking for a short visit to Egypt in April:—

R. E. S. Wyatt (Warwickshire), T. N. Pearce (Essex), A. W. Childs-Clarke (Middlesex), A. G. Powell (Essex), R. de W. K. Winlaw (Surrey), D. F. Walker (Norfolk), G. C. Newman (Middlesex), A. P. Singleton (Worcestershire), Taylor, Stevens, and Crouch.

bination and Army were all out for 92.

Moores took 6 for 38 but, I am told, these figures are inclined to flatter him. He has been in Weihaiwei for the last couple of months and has been obliged to keep watch in a temperature of about 20 below. Under these circumstances, it is not surprising that he requires a bit of time to thaw out. I understand Birmingham will be here until the end of next month and I expect Navy to lose very few of their remaining fixtures, notwithstanding the fact that one of them is against Recreio.

Missed Opportunities!

The Recreio-Craigengower match is another in which the result might have been vastly different if certain opportunities had been taken.

A. M. Rodrigues made the bulk of Recreio's runs but was missed off the first ball of the match. As the next highest scores were 22 and 13, there is every possibility that their score would not have been much beyond 50.

Francis Zimmern was always difficult to play and he took 5 for 32, while left-handed A. K. Ismail also did well to take 4 for 21.

Only batsman who over looked like a batsman was Duggie Hung. Opening with A. R. H. Esmail, he batted dourly right through Craigengower's innings and was last man out for 18.

Having regard to the fact that it is their own ground, it seems surprising that a reason advanced me for Craigengower's failure was the awkward direction in which the wicket was pitched. Gosano, it appears, bowled into the sun with the result that his deliveries were entering the batsmen's shadows, whilst Ozorio, pitching them up more, was difficult to see whilst batting into the sun.

Both bowlers were described to me as being merely steady and their success was attributed to rank bad batting by the opposition!

The Juniors

I anticipated a close finish in the match between Recreio and Navy but had it not been for Wood, there is every indication that the former would have won easily.

Navy batted first and were put out for 138. Capt. Carless was top-scorer with 29 but scores were fairly consistent. Recreio's fielding was, as usual, keen and the attack consistent, the wickets being shared by A. V. Gosano, Spares and G. N. Gosano.

Recreio set about their task of scoring 184 for a win with confidence. "Polly" Xavier and A. J. M. Prata added 67 for the first wicket and with only three wickets down, the score was 105 Wood then got go-

BOWLING BY MINU AGAINST C.S.C.C.

ing and six men were dismissed in quick time and had not A. E. Noronha batted gallantly for 33 not out, and M. Mendonca played a fine rearguard action, Wood's effort would have been rewarded. As it was, Recreio only won with a wicket to spare.

Wood's figures were 17-3-44-8. A truly remarkable performance!

K.C.C. Fall Away

At Cox's Road, Kowloon were well on the way to a comfortable victory against Club when Divett took a hand in things. In partnership with Fox, he added 71 for the eighth wicket, heavy toll being taken of all the bowlers.

Later, Divett and Bond added 41 in an unbroken last-wicket stand

BY "ADREM"

and Club declared at 192 for 9 after being 75 for 7.

Divett was extremely fortunate on occasions, McKenzie doing everything but get his wicket but Fox hit beautifully for his 38. Simpson and McKenzie were the most successful Kowloon bowlers, obtaining three and five wickets, respectively.

K. C. C. started badly. In a matter of a few minutes, three wickets were down for six runs. Madar, who batted correctly for 55, and Goodban, then added 85 for the fourth wicket and after they were dismissed time was played out although not until a few anxious moments were experienced when McKenzie and Baldwin were quickly sent back.

A Newcomer

Stark, a comparative newcomer to local cricket, made good use of the new ball to take 4 for 27 and I foresee, at some not too distant period, this bowler performing for the senior team with some distinction.

At Pokfulam, University had matters all their own way against Craigengower who are truly going from bad to worse! Without the services of H. P. Lim, the visiting batsmen, with the exception of Norman Broadbridge, were never in the picture against the bowling of Ng and Teph and were all out for 77.

University made light of this task and after losing K. C. Oh at 10, knocked the required runs off without further loss. Tam made 84 retired, while the consistent J. Fong secured 29.

There was not a great deal of skill shown by either Army or Civil Service in their drawn match at Sookunpoo.

Army made 182 (Webb 24, Pts. Jones 23) and Civil Service were 111 for 6 at close of play.

Special mention must be made of the fine bowling of C. Haynes who

took 5 for 34 in 17 overs, seven of which were maidens.

Welcome Recruit

The maintenance of the all-round form of Brian Fay, the batting of "Nobby" Clarke, and the promising debut of H. W. E. Heath, were the features of the game at Sookunpoo between Police and I. R. C.

Thanks to Fay and Clarke, Police were able to declare at 192 for 8 after which Fay and Heath dismissed the Indians for 84. The performance of Heath must prove particularly welcome to Police just now as they have just lost B. G. Baker, who sailed in the course of the week for England via Canada.

Brilliant Bowling At K.C.C.

GRIFFITHS' DOUR KNOCK

Excellent bowling by C. M. Stark, G. Souza and B. D. Lay on a lively wicket, featured the cricket match at Cox's Road yesterday in which Kowloon Cricket Club beat the Volunteers by 58 runs.

Stark, a comparative newcomer to the Colony, and Souza opened the Volunteers' attack and for their first three overs were well-nigh unplayable. The former, bowling fast-medium and making great pace off the wicket took the wickets of Baxter, R. T. Broadbridge and S. V. Gittins in a matter of a few minutes, as the result of beautiful bowling.

FINE LENGTH

Souza kept an immaculate length on-or-outside the off-stump, going away, and looked like taking wickets all the time. However, it was not until his second spell that he met with any real success and he then took six wickets very quickly to finish off the innings.

Mackay batted for the best part of 90 minutes for his 60 which included nine fours.

L. T. Ride and R. H. Griffiths gave the Volunteers a good start and had nearly 40 runs on the board before the former was caught at the wicket. Thereafter B. D. Lay bowled very well to take 7 for 50 and on his form yesterday, would be a great asset to the Senior Team in their "needle" game against Club de Recreio on Saturday.

Griffiths played a dour innings when wickets were falling fast and his was the eighth wicket to fall.

K. M. Baxter, fielding in the slips and gully, appears to have found his right position. He took two beautiful catches.

Kowloon C. C.—188 (N. A. E. Mackay 60, R. T. Lay 40, B. D. Lay 27, G. C. Gosano 10, C. M. Stark 4 for 20, G. Souza 3 for 55). Volunteers—77 (J. Fong 29, H. P. Lim 23, R. T. Broadbridge 7, B. D. Lay 7 for 50).

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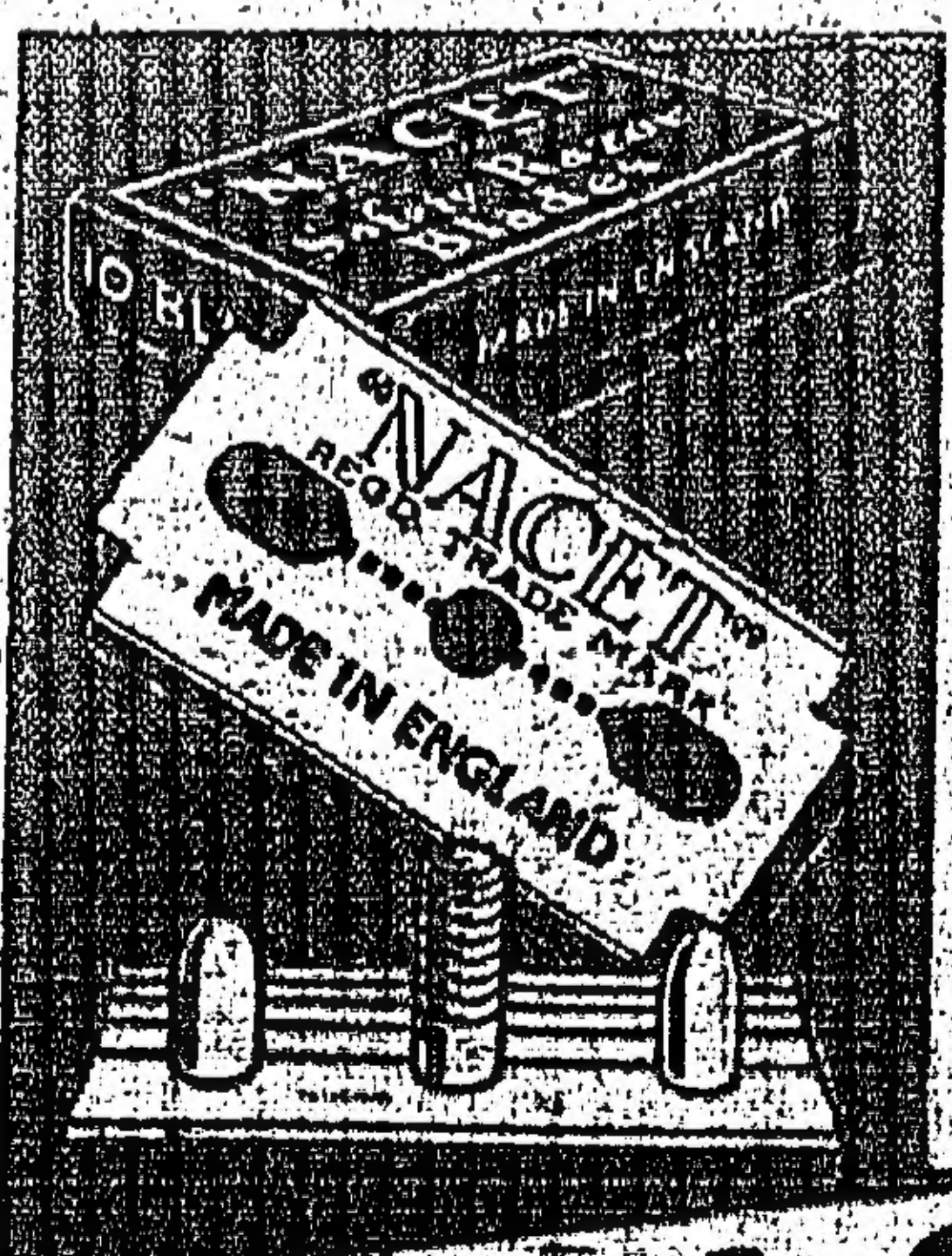
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Japanese military experts believe that the new tactics employed by Japanese troops in their operations against guerillas played an extremely important role in bringing about this reduction.

Formerly, it is pointed out, Japanese troops were thinly spread over the entire occupied area so that Chinese guerillas found it relatively easy to find vulnerable points which could be attacked with some hope of success.

The Japanese military authorities, therefore, decided to concentrate the forces of the Army of occupation only at the most important places, such as Shanghai, Nanking, Wuhu and Hangchow.

This regrouping of forces enabled the Japanese military authorities to despatch from centrally located bases, mechanised units

to all points where large concentrations of Chinese were reported to have been observed.

The guerillas, on the other hand, were no longer given occasion to attack small isolated Japanese detachments.

Foreign observers here, however, point out that the new tactics of the Japanese have also a distinct disadvantage since by the concentration their forces at a relatively small number of important places, the Japanese have virtually abandoned military control of the roads in the interior of the occupied territory.

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